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CORRESPONDENCE.

1. PALESTINE.

17205/33 [No. 1].

No. 1.

PALESTINE.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT

to

THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 16th January, 1933.)

[*Answered by No.* 2.]

(Confidential.) High Commissioner's Office,

SIR, Jerusalem, 7th January, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to transmit herewith the draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure* of the Palestine Government for the twelve months from the 1st April, 1933, to the 31st March, 1934, accompanied by—

(i) a memorandum† by the Treasurer on the Estimate of Revenue;
(ii) a detailed memorandum‡ on Expenditure; and
(iii) a memorandum§ on the Railway Estimates.

2. The estimated surplus balance at the 31st March, 1933, is £P.883,872 and that at the 31st March following is £P.907,087. The estimated revenue for the year 1933-34 is £P.2,824,353, and the estimated expenditure £P.2,801,138, comprising—

	£P.
(*a*) ordinary expenditure	2,523,110
(*b*) extraordinary expenditure	163,810
(*c*) deficit on the railways	114,428

A sum of approximately £P.140,000 is included in the estimate of revenue on account of the items discussed in the second paragraph of the Treasurer's memorandum, which are mainly accounting adjustments, and are consequently reflected in the estimate of expenditure.

These items are :—

	£P.
Fumigation fees	16,500
Municipal contributions towards the cost of the Police	24,895
Waqf and private tithes	33,000
Customs drawbacks	42,500
Municipal share of Urban Property Tax	19,300

A substantial addition to the estimate of expenditure is represented by the increased contribution of Palestine towards the cost of Defence, the amount provided being £P.142,000 in 1933-34, compared with £P.102,000 in the current year.

3. In accordance with the proposals in the High Commissioner's Confidential despatch of the 1st January, 1933,‖ provision has been included under Head V—District Administration—for the engagement of two probationary District Officers at the minimum salary of Class 3.

There is also provided under that head a sum of £P.2,700 for minor village works, to be placed at the disposal of District Commissioners for expenditure on small improvement services in the villages.

It is certain that under this arrangement much useful work will be carried out directly and speedily by the District Authorities.

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* Not reprinted. † Not printed here. ‡ Not printed here. § Not printed here.
‖ 17363/33 [No. 1]: not printed.

Expenditure by District Authorities will be governed by the following conditions:—

(i) No grant shall exceed £P.100 without the prior approval of Government;
(ii) all works financed from this provision shall conform to any general departmental programme for major works of like character;
(iii) no assistance shall be furnished out of this provision which may overlap existing arrangements for granting aid to villages, for example, in respect of village roads, water supply schemes, and school buildings.

Furthermore, it has been necessary to provide under Head V for the cost of carrying out the statutory quinquennial reassessment of Urban Property Tax.

4. In the Department of Customs, Excise, and Trade, additional staff is provided to meet the growing needs of the Haifa Harbour which is to be opened to shipping generally in 1933-34, and for the administration of the new port services, as well as to enable the Jaffa Customs to deal more promptly with the large and increasing volume of traffic which passes through that port. Delays in the clearance of goods have recently formed the subject of vigorous complaint by the mercantile community.

In view of the decision to purchase tugs for towage services at the Haifa Harbour, it has been necessary to provide £P.12,000 in the draft Estimates for their maintenance. I invite attention in this regard to the High Commissioner's despatch Confidential C, dated the 17th December, 1932.*

5. There is a considerable increase in the expenditure of the Department of Health which should go far towards meeting the criticism of the Permanent Mandates Commission that not enough is being spent on health services by the Palestine Government.

In the first place, funds are provided, on the recommendation of the Honorary Consulting Ophthalmic Surgeon, to carry out a thorough campaign for the eradication of eye disease, particularly in the south of Palestine. (See my despatch No. 13 of the 6th January, 1933.)† According to the most recent statistics, the percentage of blindness in Palestine is higher than in any other country in the world.

The Palestine Government is fortunate in having the benefit of the advice and assistance of the Ophthalmic Hospital of the Order of St. John of Jerusalem for the purpose of carrying out the proposed campaign.

The appointment of a tuberculosis expert has long been urged by the Department of Health, but the provision for it has been struck out of previous Estimates as a measure of economy. It is hoped that the provision now shown will be sanctioned in full. This officer will make a survey of the local incidence of tuberculosis, a widespread endemic disease of grave virulence, and will, in addition, assume general responsibility for the treatment of epidemic diseases in Palestine. I may refer, at this point, to the provision for additional staff and equipment in respect of an Infectious Diseases Pavilion at Nablus, where such an institution is badly needed; and to the complementary provision of £P.2,700 in the Schedule of Public Works Extraordinary, for construction.

Additional Welfare Centres are to be established, under the charge of Superintendents of Midwifery.

In accordance with the decision of the High Commissioner in Executive Council, provision appears in the Schedule of Public Works Extraordinary for a capital grant of £P.3,000 towards the cost of additions to the hospital of the Sick Fund of the General Federation of Jewish Labour which serves the population of the Jewish settlements in the Plains of Esdraelon and Jezreel; and in the Vote of the Department of Health for contributions towards the maintenance of the Tuberculosis Hospital of the Hadassah Medical Organization at Safad. and towards the cost of the School Hygiene and Ophthalmic Services and the Infant Welfare Service of the Jewish Agency. See the High Commissioner's despatch Confidential C of the 31st December, 1932.‡

Provision also appears for the establishment of a new Government Hospital at Tiberias. The High Commissioner has referred this project for further examination to a local Committee under the Chairmanship of the Director, Department of Health, and a separate despatch will be sent as soon as a decision is taken in the light of the Committee's report.

A most desirable provision under the Health Vote is that of £P.300 for the betterment of sanitation in villages.

* C. 97184/32 [No. 16]: not printed. † No. 31 in Miscellaneous No. 435.
‡ 17417/33 [No. 1]: not printed.

6. Under Head XII, Department of Education, provision is made for the appointment of forty new teachers and for obtaining additional class-space at a cost of £P.6,760, in order to fulfil the recommendations of the Committee which the High Commissioner appointed to inquire into the lack of accommodation for the schooling of Arab children in the towns. The justification of this additional expenditure upon the Government school system is stated in the High Commissioner's despatch No. 1319 of the 31st December, 1932.* There is also provision for the engagement of thirty extra teachers to supply existing deficiencies in the staffs of urban and rural schools.

The Director of Education reports that the progress in technical education achieved by the pupils in Government schools warrants an extension of that branch of the curriculum, and the provision in the Estimates has therefore been increased from £P.2,000 to £P.3,500 for weaving, instruction in carpentry and other crafts, handwork, and drawing.

The block grant in aid to the public school system of the Jewish Agency has been increased by £P.6,064. The reasons which led the High Commissioner to make this provision, the basis on which the additional sum is calculated, and the conditions under which it will become payable are reported under his despatch Confidential B, dated the 17th December, 1932.†

7. The principal increases in the Vote of the Department of Agriculture and Forests (the items of which have been rearranged in accordance with the decision to organize the Department under a single Director) are in respect of fumigation services, citrus research and the improvement of village cattle.

The new fumigation measures have been approved in your telegram No. 273 of the 15th December, 1932.‡

The proposals for citrus research are explained in my despatch No. 14 of the 6th January, 1933.§ £P.2,000 is to be set aside for the upkeep and development of a Government demonstration grove in the centre of the orange belt near Jaffa, and £P.3,000 granted to the Experimental Station of the Jewish Agency at Rehoboth in return for research services to be rendered.

About 200 dunums of land will be purchased and prepared as a demonstration grove at a cost of £P.6,300, to be met from surplus balances this year, if you approve the recommendations in my despatch. The principle of subsidizing the agricultural investigations carried out by the scientific services of the Jewish Agency on which my proposals are based has been endorsed by Sir John Hope Simpson, by Sir Samuel O'Donnell and by Mr. Lewis French.

On this principle also it is proposed to make two smaller grants to the Jewish Agency for agricultural research, each of £P.300; one for experiments in hillside fruit-growing at a settlement near Jerusalem, and the other for demonstrations of intensive farming on trial plots in the plains.

With a view to the grading up of village cattle and the introduction of new strains, both urgent requirements of Palestinian farming, £P.400 is reserved next year for demonstration plots for the growing of oats and vetch, and £P.600 for the purchase of selected bulls from Syria; minor experiments will be conducted in the cultivation of maize as fodder, and in the improvement of natural pasturage, while a small sum is set aside for bounties to farmers who keep their bulls for the stud.

Provision of £P.250 has been included to meet one-half of the cost of a survey of the canning industry in Palestine, in accordance with the terms of the High Commissioner's despatch No. 1318, dated the 31st December, 1932.‖

8. In the Departments of Land Settlement and Surveys, additional personnel is provided for an enlarged and accelerated programme of work, particularly in the partition of undivided holdings.

The sum of £P.2,600 in the Vote of the Department of Development for minor irrigation works in Beisan is required for the purpose stated in paragraph 5 of the High Commissioner's Confidential despatch dated the 26th November, 1932,¶ regarding the resettlement of the Wadi Hawareth Arabs.

Provision for the office of Registrar of Co-operative Societies, which is shown, as appears fitting, as a Sub-Head under Head XX—Development, is on the basis approved in High Commissioner's despatch No. 469, dated the 14th May, 1932,**

* 17240/33 [No. 1]: not printed. † C. 97289/32 [No. 7]: not printed.
‡ C. 97362/32 [No. 14]: not printed. § 17226/33 [No. 1]: not printed.
‖ 17430/33 [No. 1]: not printed. ¶ C. 97082/32 [No. 23]: not printed.
** C. 97064/32 [No. 16]: not printed.

The provision for a Development Officer is as proposed in the High Commissioner's despatch No. 1276 dated the 17th December, 1932.*

9. Head XXI—Police and Prisons, includes for the first time the amount required for the payment of the former municipal constabularies which have been converted into State Police. The contributions of Municipalities towards the maintenance of these additional State Police, totalling £P.24,895 appear under Revenue Head V, Item 26.

There is increased expenditure also on account of further enrolments which are necessary for the policing of new urban quarters, and for the better investigation of crime in rural areas.

Additional provision of £P.1,000 has been allowed for the extension of telephone communications to outlying Police Posts. Seven Constables employed as telephone operators at isolated posts have been replaced by personnel of the Department of Posts and Telegraphs and restored to the effective strength of the Force.

10. Under Head XXIII—Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, provision has been made for the new Mechanized Company, of which the establishment was approved in the correspondence ending with your Trans-Jordan despatch Secret (2), dated the 13th April, 1932.†

11. Under Head XXV—Posts and Telegraphs, there is additional but productive expenditure to meet the cost of the normal expansion of the telephone system.

12. It is a matter for satisfaction that it has been found possible to make provision in 1933-34 for the full amount for which you asked as the contribution of Palestine towards the cost of Defence (*vide* the High Commissioner's despatch Confidential A, dated the 30th December, 1932‡).

13. The provision for passages under Head XXVIII—Miscellaneous—has been increased from £P.2,200 to £P.4,400 to meet the cost of the new assisted passage scheme submitted by the Committee which was appointed by the High Commissioner to consider the recommendations of the Financial Commission on the conditions of service and salary scales of the Palestine Government; and a lump sum has been shown, also under that Head, to meet the cost of carrying into effect the revision of salary scales and regradings of individual officers recommended by that Committee, which you have approved in your Confidential telegram No. 263 of the 2nd December, 1932.§ This lump sum will be replaced in the published Estimates by a detailed distribution of the additional provision throughout the several Departmental Heads.

£P.3,000 is provided for preparing, translating, and printing the consolidation of the Ordinances of the Palestine Government, on which the Legal Draftsman is now engaged.

As for the Municipal Grants-in-Aid, the position is that since the abolition of the octroi and kantar taxes, it has been the constant complaint of Municipalities that the grants of Government nave not been augmented year by year proportionately to the larger receipts which, in view of the progressive development of Palestine, local authorities might reasonably have expected to enjoy under the octroi and kantar taxes had they remained in force. Government cannot justifiably withhold facilities for the expansion of municipal services and the satisfaction of legitimate local needs; in such speedily developing centres as Jerusalem, Haifa and Tel-Aviv, those services and needs are greater than the local rates can provide. Care will be taken to ensure that the increased grants next year shall be spent only as the necessity of each individual Municipality, in the opinion of the District Commissioner, demands.

14. The extraordinary expenditure on Public Works (Head XXX) provides for (mainly) new services as under:—

	£P.
Buildings	73,832
Roads	30,339
Miscellaneous	20,997

Among the building services, the principal are the commencement of construction of the General Post Office at Jerusalem (£P.10,000); additional Police Stations and standard Police Posts and married quarters for British Police at the Mount Scopus Depot, Jerusalem (£P.31,720); improvements and additions to the Acre Stud Farm and Agricultural Station (£P.3,170); and the completion of the Animal Quarantine Station at Haifa (£P.3,050).

* P.F.22187: not printed.
‡ 17205/2/33 [No. 1]: not printed.
† C. 97719/32 [No. 16]: not printed.
§ C. 97288/32 [No. 13]: not printed.

In consequence of the existence of other more pressing requirements, the High Commissioner decided that provision should not be included in these Estimates for continuing the construction of the Police Training School at Jerusalem, on which expenditure of £P.46,500 was approved in your Confidential telegram No. 153, dated the 21st June, 1932.*

The provision for roads was framed after consideration of the recommendations made by the Road Board. The new communications to be constructed are the following:—

	£P.
Jenin—Harthiya Road	1,500
Humeima—Tarshiha Road	750
Shefa 'Amr—Haifa—Acre Road	3,000
Ras el Ain—Petah Tiqva Road	1,200
Rehoboth—Gaza Road	4,200
Latrun—Masmiya Road	2,000
Latrum—Beit Sira—Ramallah Road ...	2,000

A special item of £P.3,000 has been inserted for very necessary improvements to third class and village roads not maintained by the Public Works Department, with a view to facilitating access and development.

The extensions of the Jericho Irrigation Scheme, estimated to cost £P.2,000, are designed to increase the area under productive cultivation in that neighbourhood, in accordance with the recommendations of the Acting Director of Development and the Irrigation Officer.

15. It will be observed that the continued deficit of the Palestine Railways is due to decreasing revenue. I am assured by the General Manager that every possible economy has been effected in operating expenses; and he is engaged in examining the possibility of curtailing train services without damage to the prospects of obtaining future traffic. I am recommending, separately, that the General Manager should be empowered to manipulate railway rates within certain limits, so that no opportunity of augmenting revenue by means of remunerative traffic that would otherwise be transported by road, may be lost.

The railway estimates include a contribution of £P.40,000 to the Renewals Fund.

16. It is proposed in 1933-34 to expend £P.151,642 from Loan Funds, including £P.725 in respect of works at Jaffa towards completion on the approved Port Improvement Scheme and £P.20,000 on the new Government Printing Press, against the allocation of £P.39,342 sanctioned in your Confidential telegram No. 274 of the 16th December, 1932.†

The expenditure on the Haifa Harbour will be £P.130,913, thus exhausting, with the completion of the works, the entire amount allotted for the purpose in the Loan Schedule.

17. A detailed explanation of the Estimate of Revenue is given in the Treasurer's memorandum.

I regard the expectation of a revenue amounting to £P.2,824,353 in the coming financial year as not unduly sanguine. Indeed, the confidence with which a sustained increase from import duties may be anticipated justifies the claim that the estimate of revenue has been framed on cautious and conservative lines.

Taking into consideration the figures of the revised estimate of revenue in the current year, the anticipated income of Government in 1933-34, and the reasonable prospect of a surplus balance of £P.883,872 at the 31st March, 1933, I think that Palestine may safely embark without apprehension of financial stringency upon the new services of development which were deferred in previous years owing to lack of funds, and which it is now proposed to undertake in 1933-34.

It has been thought desirable to reduce the estimated collection from tithe to £P.125,000; it will certainly be necessary to make remissions in many individual cases of failure of crops, and it is desirable that Government should be in a position to grant again in 1933-34 the general reduction of the tithe from 10 per cent. to 7½ per cent. which you authorized this year.

18. In the preparation of these Estimates most valuable assistance has been received, as usual, from the Treasurer and his staff. I wish also to bring to your notice the admirable work done by Mr. M. Nurock, O.B.E., who began as Acting

* No. 23 in Middle East No. 47.
† C. 97271/32 [No. 14]: not printed.

Chief Secretary and has continued as an Assistant Secretary to perform with marked efficiency a very large share in the work of drawing up the Estimates, which I now transmit.

19. I shall be grateful if it can be arranged that your approval of these Estimates may be communicated to me not later than the 31st March.

I have, &c.,
M. A. YOUNG,
Officer Administering the Government.

17205/33 [No. 4].

No. 2.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 7 p.m., 20th January, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

[*Answered by No.* 3.]

No. 15, CONFIDENTIAL. Your despatch of 7th January, Confidential.* Has any work been carried out on Police Training School since expenditure was approved on this year's Estimates? If so how much has been spent or is likely to be spent by 31st March? Presume that you are satisfied that it would not be uneconomical to abandon construction if work has already begun, and that need for school is less urgent than Dowbiggin maintained in Part X of his Report.—CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

17205/33 [No. 5].

No. 3.

PALESTINE.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 2.8 p.m., 23rd January, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

23RD JANUARY. No. 15. Confidential. Your telegram No. 15. Confidential.† Site of Police Training School has been acquired for £P.5,446 of which £854 remains to be paid; and fenced in at cost of £P.370 and £35 has been spent on stores and labour but work of construction has not begun and no other expenditure or commitment has been incurred.

In the circumstances deferment of construction will not be uneconomical. In any event I am satisfied and Spicer agrees that need for school is not immediately urgent and I consider its provision can safely be postponed for a few years in favour of more important agricultural, health, and educational works.

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* No. 1. † No. 2.

17205/33 [No. 6A].

No. 4.

COLONIAL OFFICE MEMORANDUM.

REVENUE.

				£P.
Approved Estimates of Revenue (excluding Grant-in-Aid for Trans-Jordan Frontier Force) for 1932-33				2,307,600
Revised Estimates of Revenue	*do.*	1932-33		2,624,945
Estimated Revenue	*do.*	1933-34		2,675,595

I. *Customs.*—Net increase of £P.229,900 over the approved estimate for 1932-33.

Item 1. ***Import Duty.***—In view of the fact that the revised estimate of revenue for the current year under this Head is £P.1,200,000 an estimate of £P.1,150,000 appears reasonable. During the month of December the sum of £P.122,000 was collected.

II *Port and Marine.*—Net increase of £P.36,900.

Items 1-7.—The High Commissioner's recommendations regarding the scales of harbour and port charges were approved in Treasury letter No. S. 31061/2 of the 16th January.*

Item 8. *Towage Dues*, £P.4,000. See note under Expenditure Estimates, Head X, Customs, Item 37.

III. *Licences, Taxes, &c.*—Net increase of £P.13,300.

Item 16. *House and Land Tax, Item* 17. *Urban Property Tax*, £P.300,000. Since the total current assessments of these taxes (including the shares due to the Municipalities of Haifa and Acre amounting to £P.19,300 for which provision has been made in Item 32 of Head XXVIII Miscellaneous) amount to £P.342,000, and the approved estimate for the current year (excluding the shares due to the two Municipalities) is £P.280,000, this estimate is conservative.

Item 18. *Tithes*, £P.125.000.—A decrease of £P.55,000 on the approved estimate for the current year. In his telegram No. 171 of the 10th August, 1932† (see Colonial Office letter of the 17th August, 1932‡) the High Commissioner stated that, excluding wakfs, the total collections for the current year would approximate to £P.100,000. Attention is invited to the Treasurer's memorandum (page 3) and to paragraph 17 of the covering despatch.

IV. *Fees of Court, &c.*—Net increase of £P.50,195.

Item I. *Fees, Court*, £P.75,000.—With regard to the increase in Sharia Court fees, see Treasury letter No. S. 37173 of the 14th October, 1932.§

Item 7. *Fees, Overtime*, £P.4,000.—With regard to Customs fees, see Treasury letter E. 15124 of 28th November, 1932.‖

Item 9. *Fees, Plant Fumigation*, £P.16,5000 —See High Commissioner's telegram No. 249 of the 5th December, 1932,¶ a copy of which was sent to the Treasury in Colonial Office letter of the 6th December, 1932.**

Item 26. *Reimbursements Municipal Police*, £P.24,895.—(See Treasury letter No E. 11301/01 of the 6th June, 1932.††)

EXPENDITURE.

				£P.
Approved Estimates of Expenditure for 1932-33 ...			(approx.)	2,442,000
Revised	*do.*	*do.*		2,605,845
Estimated		***do.*** *for* 1933-34		2,801,138

Head III. His Excellency the High Commissioner.—Net increase of £P.270 over the approved estimate for 1932-33.

Item 5. ***Private Secretary,*** £P.550.—This appointment was approved in Treasury letter No. E. 23930 of the 3rd December, 1932.‡‡

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* 17384/33 [No. 3]: not printed.
† C. 97270/32 [No. 8]: not printed.
‡ C. 97270/32 [No. 9]: not printed.
§ C. 97033/32 [No. 22]: not printed.
‖ C. 97104/32 [No 283]: not printed
¶ C 97362/32 [No. 11]: not printed.
** C. 97362/32 [No. 12]: not printed
†† C. 97397/32 [No. 5]: not printed.
‡‡ C. 97427/32 [No. 13]: not printed.

Head IV. Secretariat.—Net increase of £P.858.

		£P.
Item 13.	1 Junior Assistant Secretary	550
Item 14.	Expatriation Allowance	50
Item 23.	1 Press Officer	456
Item 24.	Expatriation Allowance	50

As the recommendation made in Mr. Young's Confidential despatch of 5th November, 1932,* has now been approved (see Treasury letter No. E. 14948 of the 31st January, 1933†). Item 13 will read " 2 Junior Assistant Secretaries £P.1,000 " and Item 14 " Expatriation Allowances £P.100," and Items 23 and 24 will be deleted.

Head V. District Administration.—Net increase £P.13,643.

Item 4. 12 *Assistant District Commissioners*, £P.4,386.—A reduction of £P.864 due to the appointment of one Assistant District Commissioner as Registrar of Co-operative Societies.

Item 5. *Expatriation Allowances.*—The details appear to require amendment, in order to arrive at a total of £P.600.

Item 6. 28 *District Officers*, £P.13,268.—Increase of 2 probationary appointments, see Colonial Office letter of 24th January, 1933.‡

Item 13. 1 *District Commissioner.*—Regrading approved in Treasury letter No. E. 7166/2 of 5th May, 1932.§

Item 16. 2 *Assistant District Commissioners.*—See Treasury letter No. S. 36124/4 of the 10th November, 1932.‖

Item 29. *Increased remuneration of Mukhtars.*—Approved for the current year in Treasury letter No. S. 35563 of 19th August, 1932.¶ As indicated in paragraph 3 of the Secretary of State's Confidential despatch of the 6th September, 1932** (Colonial Office letter of the 7th September, 1932††) the question of the reorganization of the Mukhtar system will be taken up in connexion with the Reports of the Director of Development. In the meantime it is recommended that the increased provision should stand.

Item 38. *Fees to members of Central Censorship Board*, £P.50.—See Treasury letter S. 35956/02/32 of 25th June, 1932.‡‡

Item 41. *Minor village works*, £P.2,700.—See paragraph 3 of the covering despatch. This proposal is recommended.

Head VI. Legal Department.—Net increase of £P.517.

No provision has yet been made for the appointment of a Receiver in Bankruptcy (see Treasury letter No. E. 28376 of 10th December, 1932§§). This matter is still under consideration.

Head VII. Judicial Department.—Net increase of £P.3,114.

Personal Emoluments.—The reorganization of the Judicial Department has been deferred pending the settlement of the question of the continuance of the judicial privileges of foreigners, which is at present under discussion with the Foreign Office. No changes have been made in the draft Estimates as it is not anticipated that an early decision will be reached. Reference is invited to paragraph 2 of Treasury letter No. E. 16196 of 17th June, 1932.‖‖

Item 18. 1 *Probation Officer.*

Item 35. *Probation Officer's Clerk.*—See Treasury letter No. E. 11301 of the 4th February, 1933.¶¶

Items 45-56. *Sharia Courts.*—See printed memorandum on expenditure. A net saving of £P.1,317 has been effected. Reference is invited to Treasury letter No. S. 37173 of 14th October, 1932.***

Head IX Audit.—Net decrease of £P.210.

Items 3-7.—One of the posts of Senior Assistant Auditor has been regraded to Class 2 of the Senior Service on the occurrence of a vacancy.

Head X. Customs, Excise, and Trade.—Net increase of £P.22,310.

Item 12. 3 *Port Officers.*—An additional post of Port Officer was approved in Treasury letter No. E. 15124 of the 24th August, 1932.†††

Items 16, 17, 19, *and* 25.—See printed memorandum on expenditure.

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* 97168/32 [No. 9]: not printed. † 17368/34 [No. 2]: not printed.
‡ 17363/33 [No. 2]: not printed. § C.R. 19236: not printed. ‖ C.R. 28108: not printed.
¶ C. 97270/32 [No. 10]: not printed. ** C. 97270/32 [No. 12]: not printed.
†† C. 97270/32 [No. 13]: not printed. ‡‡ C. 97104/32 [No. 125]: not printed.
§§ C. 97354/32 [No. 7]: not printed. ‖‖ C. 97325/32 [No. 16]: not printed.
¶¶ CR. 38708: not printed. *** C. 97033/32 [No. 22]: not printed.
††† C. 97356/32 [No 3]: not printed.

N.B.—(1) Both the Remarks column in the Estimates and the printed memorandum on Expenditure refer to Item 27 in error for Item 25.

(2) For Item 26 in the Remarks column of the Estimates read Item 24.

Item 28. *Overtime Fees*, £P.3,000.—See Treasury letter E. 15124 of 28th November, 1932.*

Item 31. *Horse Allowances.*—Approved in Treasury letter No. E. 15124 of the 3rd November, 1932.†

Item 37. *Maintenance of Tugs*, £P.12,000.—In his Confidential C despatch of the 17th December, 1932,‡ the High Commissioner recommended the purchase of two tugs for Haifa Harbour at an estimated cost of £P.20,000, £P.5,000 being provided from loan funds (already included for hiring) and the balance from surplus balances. The question has been under discussion with the Consulting Engineers and it is now understood that the cost of maintenance should not exceed £11,000. Reference is invited to the letter from the Treasury No. S. 31061/2 of the 8th February, 1933.§ A sum of £P.4,000 is provided in the Revenue Estimates, Head II, Item 8, on account of Towage Dues.

Item 39. *Pilotage Fees*, £P.150.—Approved in Treasury letter No. E. 27052 of 25th April, 1932.‖

Head XI. Department of Health.—Net increase of £P.22,303.

Provision is made for the following new services :—

(1) *Ophthalmic Scheme. Items* 11, 13, 29, 47, 53, 78, 80, 83, 84, 86, 91, *and* 113 *to* 118, £P.6,500.—See Treasury letter No. S. 37844 of the 8th February, 1933.¶

(2) *Tiberias Hospital. Items* 19, 23, 30, 33, 35, 39, 40, 80 *to* 86, *and* 111. £P.3,750 approximately.—It will be noted from paragraph 5 of the covering despatch that this project has been referred to a local Committee for further examination and that a separate despatch is promised.

(3) *Grants to Jewish Health Services Item* 91. £P.3,750.—See Colonial Office letter of the 23rd January.**

(4) *Nablus Infectious Pavilion. Items* 30, 33, 40, 81, 83 *to* 85, *and* 110. £P.610 approximately.—See printed memorandum on expenditure.

(5) *Tuberculosis Survey. Items* 39, 41, 78 *and* 82. £P.1,650 approximately.—See paragraph 5 of the covering despatch.

Items 62, 63, *and* 64. *The regrading of the appointment of Assistant Director (Laboratories)* had been recommended to the Treasury in Colonial Office letter No. 22137 of the 31st January, 1933.††

Items 72 *and* 119. *Appointment of Inspector of Weights and Measures, and Equipment.*—See Treasury letter No. S. 35956/01/33 of the 3rd February, 1933.‡‡

Item 91 *Contribution to Jewish Health Services* £P.3,750.—In paragraph 3 of the High Commissioner's Confidential C despatch of the 31st December, 1932§§ (see Colonial Office letter to Treasury No. 17417/33 of the 23rd January‖‖) the contribution towards the cost of the School of Hygiene and Ophthalmic Services of the Jewish Agency is given as £P 1,500 and not £P.1,550 as stated in the Remarks columns of the Estimates. It would appear therefore that this item should be reduced by £P.50 to £P.3,700.

Head XII. Education Department. Increase of £P.26,312.

Item 19. 2 *new posts of Assistant Inspectors of School Gardens* approved in Treasury letter No. S. 35956/02/2/32 of the 8th November, 1932.¶¶

Items 33, 35 *and* 36. *Elementary School Teachers.*—Increase of 70 new posts. With regard to 40 new posts, see Colonial Office letter to Treasury No. 17240/33 of the 28th January, 1933,*** and with regard to the remainder, see paragraph 6 of the covering despatch.

Item 48. *Grant-in-Aid to Schools of Jewish Agency*, increase of £P.6,064.—See Colonial Office letter to Treasury of the 30th January, 1933.†††

Item 57. *Technical Instruction.*—An increase of £P.1,500 (from £P.500 to £P.2,000 and not from £P.2,000 to £P.3,500 as stated in paragraph 6 of the covering despatch).

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* C. 97104/32 [No. 283]: not printed. † C. 97350/1/32 [No. 15]: not printed.
‡ C. 97184/32 [No. 16]: not printed. § 17384/33 [No. 9]: not printed.
‖ C. 97352/32 [No. 3]: not printed. ¶ 17225/33 [No. 7]: not printed.
** 17417/33 [No. 2]: not printed. †† C.R. 22137: not printed.
‡‡ 17239/33 [No. 3]: not printed. §§ 17417/33 [No. 1]: not printed.
‖‖ 17417/33 [No. 2]: not printed. ¶¶ C. 97104/32 [No. 272]: not printed.
*** 17240/33 [No. 2]: not printed. ††† C. 97289/32 [No. 9]: not printed.

Items 42, 53, 64 *and* 67.—*Additional School Accommodation in Towns.*—See Colonial Office letter to Treasury of the 28th January, 1933.*

Heads XIII, XIV, and XV. Department of Agriculture and Forests.—Net increase of £P.24,551 as detailed below :—

		Approved Estimates, 1932-33. £P.	*Draft Estimates,* 1933-34. £P.
Head XII.	Agriculture	42,129	111,507
Head XIII.	Forests	18,305	
Head XIV.	Animal Health	26,522	
		£P.86,956	£P.111,507

The re-amalgamation of the three Departments was approved in Treasury letter No. E. 16039 of 25th August, 1932.†

Attention is invited to paragraph 7 of the covering despatch.

Item 1. *Director*, £P.1,200.—See Treasury letter quoted above.

Item 10. *Allowance to Secretary of General Agricultural Council and Committee on Agricultural Economics and Marketing*, £P.25.—See Treasury letter No E. 16039 of the 16th September.‡

Item 43 4 *Laboratory Checkers* —The comprehensive fumigation campaign to be undertaken in 1933-34 was approved in Treasury letter No. S. 35956/01/33 of the 13th December, 1932.§

Other Charges Items.—In many cases these items have been transferred from the old Heads XIII and XIV.

Item 111. *Eradication of Pests and Diseases*, £P.18,500.—The sum of £16,500 was approved in Treasury letter No. S. 35956/01/33 of the 13th December, 1932.

Items 148-151. *Citrus Research.*—This expenditure is recommended in the High Commissioner's despatch No. 14 of the 6th January, 1933.‖ (See Colonial Office letter of the 2nd February, 1933.¶) In this despatch the High Commissioner also recommends the expenditure of £P.6,300 from surplus balances during the current year on the purchase and preparation of 200 dunams of land for a Government Citrus Demonstration Grove.

Item 154. *Poultry Station, Majdal.*—Approved in Treasury letter No. S. 37520 of the 31st August, 1932.**

Item 157. *Survey of Canning Industry*, £P.250.—The Palestine Government has applied for a free grant of £250 from the Colonial Development Fund. This sum represents half the cost involved in the appointment of an expert to undertake a survey and to report upon the prospects of establishing a canning industry in Palestine. The Secretary of State is recommending the application for favourable consideration by the Colonial Development Advisory Committee.

Head XVII. Land Settlement.—Net increase of £P.3,900. (See paragraph 8 of covering despatch.)

Item 21. Increase of 9 Clerks Grade III counter-balanced by reductions in Items 19 and 20.

Head XVIII. Lands Department.—Net increase of £P.1,835.

Item 4. 2 *Land Officers.*—There were 2 Land Officers in 1932-33 and not 1 as stated in the Estimates.

Head XIX. Survey Department.—Net increase of £P.12,664. (See paragraph 8 of covering despatch.)

Head XX. Department of Development.—Increase of £P.1,684.

Item 1. *Development Officer*, £P.1,000.—In his despatch No. 1276 of the 17th December, 1932,†† the High Commissioner recommended that Mr. L. Andrews, O.B.E., should be appointed to take charge of the work of development with the designation of Development Officer, and should be promoted substantively to Class I at the maximum salary of the new scale of that class with effect from the 1st December 1932. The Secretary of State, however, in his despatch No. 49 of the 19th January, 1933,‡‡ replied that

* 17240/33 [No. 2]: not printed.
† C. 97333/32 [No. 11]: not printed.
‡ C.R. 22030: not printed.
§ C. 97362/32 [No. 13]: not printed.
‖ 17226/33 [No. 1]: not printed.
¶ 17226/33 [No. 2]: not printed.
** C. 97350/1/32 [No. 11]: not printed.
†† M. E. 22187: not printed.
‡‡ M. E. 22187: not printed.

he would prefer that no change should be made in Mr. Andrews' status or emoluments until a decision had been reached on development policy. The estimates should be amended accordingly.

Item 7. *Irrigation Inspector.*—Approved in Treasury letter No. E. 16664 of the 20th October, 1932.*

Item 12. *Registrar of Co-operative Societies.*—This appointment was approved in Treasury letter No. S. 36563/01 of the 8th June, 1931.†

Item 25 *Minor Irrigation Works in the Beisan Area*, £P.2,600.—Attention is invited to paragraph 5 of the High Commissioner's Confidential despatch of the 26th November, 1932,‡ a copy of which was sent to the Treasury in Colonial Office letter of the 8th December, 1932.§

Head XXI. Police and Prisons.—Net increase of £P.48,214, of which £P.24,895 is accounted for by the absorption of the Municipal Police. A sum of £P.24,895, representing contributions by the Municipalities, appears in the Revenue Estimates under Head IV, Item 26. In Treasury letters Nos. E. 11301/01 and S. 35956/02/32 of the 6th June‖ and 18th August, 1932,¶ respectively, approval was given of the expenditure of £P.23,695 during the current year, but the Tel Aviv Police were not amalgamated until the 1st July.

The following increases of staff (excluding those caused by the absorption of the Municipal Police) are provided :—

	£
1 Additional Assistant Superintendent of Police	350
6 Additional Inspectors, Grade III	1,000
Additional Police for New Stations and Camelry	4,380

Item 8. *One additional Assistant Superintendent of Police.*—The High Commissioner will be asked to explain the necessity for this new appointment.

Item 24. *Inspectors, Grade III.*—Increase of seven, presumably due to the establishment of six new stations in rural centres (six) and to the absorption of the Municipal Police (one).

Items 25, 26, *and* 27. Increases of 8 Sergeants, 25 Corporals and 276 Constables due to absorption of Municipal Police (4, 22, and 237), provision of additional Police for the camelry (3, 2, and 20), and the manning of six new posts in rural areas (presumably 1, 1, and 36).

Item 38. *Language Allowances* £P.2,000.—A further £P.200 is provided under Item 130. See Treasury letter No. E. 11301 of the 9th November, 1932.**

Other Charges. Item 158. *Passages* £P.8,000.—Increase approved in Treasury letter No. E. 26523 of 10th September, 1932.††

Head XXII. Department of Immigration.—Net increase of £P.1,961.

Items 1 *and* 2. *Director.*—If the proposal to regrade this post, recommended in Colonial Office letter of the 29th December, 1932,‡‡ is approved, each of these items will be increased by £P.50.

Item 8. 6 *Inspectors.*—Increase of one approved in Treasury letter No. E. 16999 of the 9th April, 1932.§§

Head XXIII Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.—A separate communication will be addressed to the Treasury with regard to this Head.

Head XXIV. Defence.—Net increase of £P.40,000. Provision has been made in Item 1 for the sum of £P.130,000 to cover the full amount of the liability which the Palestine Government has accepted in respect of the cost of the military and air forces. (See Colonial Office Confidential letter of the 18th January).‖‖

Head XXV. Posts and Telegraphs.—Net increase of £P.5,754. Provision has been made for the regrading of the Junior Staff which was approved in Treasury letter No. E. 6660/2 of the 24th August, 1932.¶¶

* C.R. 38813: not printed.
† C. 87064/31 [No. 13]: not printed.
‡ C. 97082/32 [No. 23]: not printed.
§ C. 97082/32 [No. 24]: not printed.
‖ C. 97397/32 [No. 5]: not printed.
¶ C. 97397/32 [No. 9]: not printed.
** C. 97029/32 [No. 12]: not printed.
†† C. 97015/32 [No. 30]: not printed.
‡‡ C. 97313/32 [No. 4]: not printed.
§§ C. 97189/33 [No. 5]: not printed.
‖‖ 17205/2/33 [No. 3]: not printed.
¶¶ C. 97342/32 [No. 3]: not printed.

The following increases in staff have been provided for :—

Item 41.	Postal Clerks, &c.	Increase of	seven.
Item 43.	,, ,, ,,	,,	one.
Item 48.	Telephonists	,,	eighteen.
Item 49.	,,	,,	seven.
Item 106.	Linemen	,,	four.

For explanation see Remarks column of Estimates.

Head XXVII. Public Works Recurrent.—Net increase of £P.4,170.

Items 2 *and* 8.—Small increases for the Ophthalmic Scheme. See Treasury letter S. 37844 of the 8th February, 1933.*

Item 10. *Maintenance of Quays, Piers, and Harbours.*—No provision is made for Haifa Harbour either here or in the Customs Department Estimates. The question of responsibility for maintenance is at present under discussion with the High Commissioner.

Item 11. *Maintenance of Roads and Bridges.*—Increase of £P.9,000 for increased mileage.

Item 16. *Railway Fares and Freight.*—Provision is now included in other items in accordance with the recommendation made in paragraph 189 of the Financial Commission's Report. See Treasury letter No. E. 16247 of the 27th January, 1932.†

Head XXVIII. Miscellaneous.—Net increase of £P.80,801.

Item 2. *Cost-of-Living Allowances.*—Provision distributed among Departments concerned in accordance with the suggestion made in the Colonial Office memorandum on the draft Estimates for 1932-33, a copy of which was sent to the Treasury under cover of Colonial Office letter of the 12th February, 1932.‡

Item 9. *Passages.*—Increase of £P 2,200 to meet the cost of the new scheme approved in Treasury letter No. E. 7771/2 of the 30th November, 1932.§

Item 15.—The designation of the Imperial Bureau of Entomology is now "Imperial Institute of Entomology."

Items 18 *and* 19. *Grants to Municipalities.*—Increase of £P.7,000. See memorandum on expenditure and paragraph 13 of the covering despatch. The argument as to what would have been the position if octroi and kantar taxes had remained in force is not conclusive, but the Secretary of State agrees that, on the other grounds stated, it is necessary to increase these grants.

Item 30. *Payment to Supreme Moslem Council in lieu of assigned wakf tithes.*—See Treasury letter No. S. 37173 of the 14th October, 1932.‖

Item 31. *Payment in lieu of tithes assigned to private wakfs* £P.5,963.—Previously treated as Revenue Refunds, see page 3 of the Treasurer's memorandum on revenue.

Item 32. *Payments to Municipalities* in lieu of their share in the collections of Urban Property Tax, £P.19,300. See pages 2-3 of the Treasurer's memorandum on revenue.

The abolition of the payment of the Musaqqafat tax was approved in the Secretary of State's telegram No. 16 of the 14th January, 1932,¶ a copy of which was sent to the Treasury in Colonial Office letter of the 15th January, 1932.**

Item 33. *Drawbacks of Customs Duty* £P.42,500.—See page 2 of the Treasurer's memorandum on revenue.

Item 35. *Regrading of Senior Service Staff* £P.2,000. — This regrading was approved in Treasury letter No. E. 7771/2 of the 30th November, 1932.††

Item 36. *Preparation, Translation and Printing of Legislation,* £P.3,000.—This work is being undertaken by the Legal Draftsman whose appointment was approved in Treasury letter No. E. 16196 of the 19th November, 1931.‡‡

* 17225/33 [No. 7]: not printed.
† C. 97339/32 [No. 2]: not printed.
‡ No. 8 in Middle East No. 47.
§ C. 97288/32 [No. 12]: not printed.
‖ C. 97033/32 [No. 22]: not printed.
¶ C. 97275/32 [No. 2]: not printed.
** C. 97275/32 [No. 4]: not printed.
†† C. 97288/32 [No. 12]: not printed.
‡‡ C.R. 22184: not printed.

Head XXIX Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary, Total £P.20,250.—(*a*) Items for which provision will normally be required annually (see paragraph 169 of the Financial Commission's Report) :—

			£P.
Item 1.	Additional Exchange Switchboards		1,800
,, 2.	,, Trunk Lines		1,700
,, 4.	,, Subscribers' circuits		8,000
,, 6.	,, Cables		3,200
	Total ...		£P.14,700

This figure is somewhat in excess of that contemplated by the Financial Commission, but the Commission found it difficult to forecast future requirements with precision, and the Secretary of State sees no reason to suggest any reduction.

Head XXX. Public Works Extraordinary, Total £P.125,148.—Attention is invited to the memorandum on expenditure and to paragraph 14 of the covering despatch. The vote may be analysed as follows :—

	£P.
Buildings	73,832
Roads	30,339
Miscellaneous	20,977
Total ...	£P.125,148 (*a*)

(*a*) £P.112,693 on new works.

Item 11. *Construction of Poultry Section at Agricultural Station, Majdal,* £P.425.—Provision for the sum of £P.385 was approved in Treasury letter No. S. 37520 of the 31st August, 1932.*

Items 18-29. *Additions and Improvements to Schools,* £P.5,140.—In addition to the funds provided under Head XII, Item 67, £P.3,300. See printed memorandum on expenditure.

Item 30. *Additions to Central Emek Hospital* £P.3,000.—See Colonial Office letter to Treasury of the 23rd January.†

Item 37. *Construction of garage accommodation, Haifa,* £P.200.—The extension of departmental health services in the Northern District was approved in Treasury letter No. S. 36914 of the 31st December, 1931.‡

Item 41. *Construction of Infectious Diseases Hospital, Nablus,* £P.2,700.—See paragraph 5 of the covering despatch.

Item 44. *Alterations, &c., to Schweitzer Hospital, Tiberias,* £P.250. — See Colonial Office letter of the 23rd January§ and paragraph 5 of the covering despatch.

Item 45. *Alterations and repairs to buildings for use as Ophthalmic Clinics* £P.150. See Treasury letter No. S. 37844, of the 8th February, 1933.‖

Item 49. *Additions to Police Camp and Purchase of Land at Mount Scopus, Jerusalem,* £P.15,570.—The sum of £P.3,200, which was approved in Treasury letter No. S. 35956/07/32 of the 31st August, 1932,¶ is included in this figure. As to the balance attention is drawn to paragraph 4 of the High Commissioner's despatch No. 466 of the 14th May, 1932,** a copy of which was sent to the Treasury under cover of Colonial Office letter of the 11th June, 1932.††

Item 57. *Construction of Post Office, Jerusalem,* £P.10,000.—In paragraph 5 of his Confidential C despatch of the 30th June, 1932‡‡ (see Colonial Office letter of the same date§§), the Secretary of State asked to be furnished with detailed accounts of the various activities of the Postal Department. These accounts have not yet been received and a reminder has been sent.

Head XXXI. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. Extraordinary.—A separate communication will be addressed to the Treasury with regard to this Head.

* C. 973501/32 [No. 11]: not printed.
† 17417/33 [No. 2]: not printed.
‡ C. 87217/31 [No. 19]: not printed.
§ 17417/33 [No. 2]: not printed.
‖ 17225/33 [No. 7]: not printed.
¶ No. 29 in Middle East No. 47.
** C. 87256/32 [No. 3]: not printed.
†† C. 97256/32 [No. 8]: not printed.
‡‡ No. 24 in Middle East No. 47.
§§ No. 25 in Middle East No. 47.

Railways Estimates.

	£P.
Estimated Revenue (all Railways) 1933-34	530,000
Estimated Expenditure (all Railways) excluding Renewals 1933-34	596,415
Estimated deficit on year's working	66,415
Net receipts on Kantara-Rafa, Hejaz, and Petach-Tikva Railways	7,803
Renewals	40,000
Total deficit on Palestine Railway to be met from general revenue	£P.114,218

When the estimates for the current year were approved, it was anticiated that the deficit on the Palestine Railways during the current year would be £P.38,964, excluding provision for the Renewals Fund. Despite considerable reductions in Expenditure the deficit is now estimated at £P.80,000. For the year 1933-34 provision is made for a deficit of £P.74,218.

Revenue.

	£P.
Approved Estimate of Revenue 1932-33	567,190
Revised ,, ,, ,, 1932-33	533,370 (*a*)
,, ,, ,, 1933-34	530,000

(*a*) No estimate is given but the actual figures for the first eight months are as follows:—

	£P.
Palestine Railway	224,437
Kantara-Rafa ,, ...	64,478
Hejaz ,, ...	66,665
Total ...	£P.355,580

This amounts to £P.533,370 for the full year without allowing for the usual increase in goods traffic due to orange shipments which take place at the end of the year. Attention is invited to the printed memorandum on the Railway Estimates and to paragraph 15 of the covering despatch.

Expenditure.

	£P.
Approved Estimate of Expenditure 1932-33 (excluding Renewals)	612,301
Revised Estimate of Expenditure 1932-33	587,558 (*a*)
Estimate of Expenditure 1933-34	596,415

(*a*) No estimate received, but this figure is based on the actual expenditure during the first eight months.

Attention is invited to the printed memorandum on the Railway Estimates.

Abstract A.

Item 56. *Materials.*—Increase of £P.1,428. A saving of £P.5,008 was effected under this item in the Estimates for 1932-33 by the provision of £P.5,000 from the Renewals Fund for the substitution of steel for wooden sleepers. The Secretary of State approved this expenditure on the understanding that the proposal constituted a part of a considered programme of renewals and that if, as appeared to be the case, this service must be regarded as in the nature of maintenance, provision would be made in future years under the appropriate head in the Estimates.

Abstract B.

Item 29. *Labour.*—A decrease of £P.1,390. Provision has, however, been made for an increase (£600) in wages to certain of the staff, approved in Treasury letter No. E. 9474 of the 31st March, 1932.*

* C. 97269/32 [No. 4]: not printed.

Abstract D.

Item 65. *Landing Charges*, £P.500.—The sum of £P.700 was approved in respect of the current year in Treasury letter No. S. 35956/08/32 of the 6th August, 1932.*

Extraordinary Expenditure.

Item 1. *Provision of Orange Shed at Petach Tikva*, £P.1,850.—Part of the expenditure approved in Treasury letter No. 35956/07/32 of the 24th June, 1932.†

Item 2. *Ventilation of Wagons*, £P.700.—Reference is invited to paragraph 3 of the High Commissioner's Confidential despatch of the 29th July, 1932‡ (see Colonial Office letter of the 25th August, 1932).§

Loan Expenditure.

Appendix G contains the statement of loan expenditure requested in paragraph 2 of the Secretary of State's despatch No. 938 of the 23rd December, 1931.‖ (See Treasury letter No. S. 36836 of the 14th December, 1931.¶)

Appendix I.

Analysis of Increases in Expenditure in the Draft Estimates for 1933-34.

	£P.
Approved Estimates of Expenditure for 1932-33	2,442,000 (approx.)
Estimated Expenditure for 1933-34	2,801,138
Increase	£P.359,138

I *The following increases, due to various changes in the form of the Estimates, are merely apparent and are covered by equivalent increases under corresponding items of Revenue:—*

	£P.	£P.
Head X.—Customs, Excise, and Trade.		
Item 28. Overtime Fees		3,000
Head XI.—Health.		
Item 104. Overtime Fees		450
Head XIII.—Agriculture and Forests.		
Item 111. Eradication of pests and diseases		13,500
Head XXI.—Police and Prisons.		
Cost of Municipal Police		24,895
Head XXII.—Immigration.		
Item 21. Overtime Fees		550
Head XXVIII.—Miscellaneous.	£P	
Items 30 *and* 31. Tithes	18,000	
Item 32. Payment to Municipalities, Urban Property Tax	19,300	
Item 33. Drawbacks of Customs Duty	42,500	
		79,800
Total		£P.122,195

* C. 97104/32 [No. 206]: not printed.
† C. 97005/32 [No. 40]: not printed.
‡ No. 27 in Middle East No. 47.
§ No. 28 in Middle East No. 47.
‖ C. 87401/31 [No. 8]: not printed.
¶ C. 87401/31 [No. 7]: not printed.

II. *Of other increases, the following are the most important:—*

	£P.	£P.
Head V.—District Administration.		
Item 28. Assessment expenses, Urban Property Tax...	4,055	
Item 29. Remuneration of Mukhtars	3,000	
Item 41. Minor Village Works	2,700	
		9,755
Head X.—Customs.		
Item 25. Guards and Boatmen	3,000	
Item 30. Horse Allowances	1,100	
Item 37. Maintenance of Tugs	12,000	
		16,100
Head XI.—Health.		
(1) Contribution to Jewish Medical Health Services ...	3,750	
(2) Ophthalmic Scheme	6,500	
(3) Tuberculosis Survey, Tiberias Hospital, Nablus Infectious Pavilion	5,000	
		15,250
Head XII.—Education.		
Additional Staff for Urban and Rural Schools to supply existing deficiencies	3,800	
Additional expenditure on Arab education	6,760	
Item 48. Grant-in-aid to Schools of Palestine Jewish Agency	6,064	
Item 57. Technical Instruction	1,500	
		18,124
Head XIII.—Agriculture and Forests.		
Items 148-151. Agricultural Research—Co-operation with Jewish Agency	5,600	
		5,600
Head XVII.—Land Settlement.		
Item 13. 5 Assistant Settlement Officers	1,500	
		1,500
Head XIX.—Survey Department.		
Item 27. 22 Surveyors	1,320	
Item 29. Labour Service	4,315	
Item 33. Transport and Travelling	1,195	
Item 40. Camp Equipment	1,090	
		7,920
Head XX.—Department of Development.		
Items 12-14 *and* 26-29 Registrar of Co-operative Societies	1,400	
Item 25. Minor Irrigation Works in Beisan Area ...	2,600	
		4,000
Head XXI.—Police and Prisons		
1 Assistant Superintendent of Police	350	
6 Inspectors—Grade III	1,000	
Police for Camelry and New Stations	4,380	
Extra Clerical Assistance	1,200	
Language Allowances	1,000	
Increases in other charges	8,000	
Special expenditure	2,500	
		18,430
Head XXIII.—Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.		
Net increase	4,091	
		4,091
Head XXIV —Defence.		
Item 1. Contribution to Imperial Government ...	40,000	
		40,000
Head XXVII.		
Item 11 *Public Works Recurrent.* Maintenance of roads and bridges		9,000

	£P.	£P.
Head XXVIII.—Miscellaneous.		
Item 9. Passages	2,200	
Item 19. Grants to Municipalities	7,000	
Item 25. Contribution to Trans-Jordan Government—Currency Profits	1,625	
Item 30.* Payment to Supreme Moslem Sharia Council	10,963	
Item 35. Regrading of Senior Service Staff	2,000	
Item 26. Printing of legislation	3,000	
		26,788
Head XXXI.—Trans-Jordan Frontier Force—Extraordinary.		
Increase of		12,900
Railways—Increased loss on working		37,000

Appendix II.

List of New Appointments (Other than those already Approved) Provided in Draft Estimates for 1933-34.

Head V.—District Administration.
Item 6 2 District Officers (Probationary).

Head X.—Customs and Excise
Items 16-19. 11 Officers of Customs and Excise.

Head XI.—Health.
Items 16 *and* 47. 4 Medical Officers.
Items 23-24. 1 Matron.
Items 25-26. 2 Superintendents (Midwifery).
Items 29-30. 12 Nurses.
Item 35. 1 Dispenser, Grade III.
Item 41. 1 Tuberculosis Expert.
Item 75. 1 Laboratory Attendant, Grade IV.

Head XII.—Education.
Items 33-36. 70 School Teachers.

Head XIII.—Agriculture and Forests.
Item 18. 1 Agricultural Officer.
Items 21-22. 4 Inspectors, Grade III.

Head XVII.—Land Settlement
Item 13. 5 Assistant Settlement Officers.

Head XIX.—Surveys.
Item 27. 22 Surveyors, Grade III.

Head XX.—Development.
Item 12. Registrar, Co-operative Societies.†

Head XXI.—Police and Prisons.
Item 8. 1 Assistant Superintendent of Police.
Item 24. 7 Inspectors, Grade III.
Items 25-27. 4 Sergeants, 3 Corporals, 56 Constables.

N.B.—Clerks and minor appointments omitted.

* For balance of Items 30 and 31 *see* under I above.

† Approved by Treasury in 1931.

17205/33 [No. 7].

No. 5.

COLONIAL OFFICE to TREASURY.

[*Answered by No. 7.*]

SIR, Downing Street, 13th February, 1933.

I AM directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch* from the Acting High Commissioner for Palestine, together with two copies of the draft Estimates of the Territory for the year 1933-34, and of the printed enclosures to the despatch.

2. As regards the details of revenue and expenditure, I am to enclose a memorandum (with appendices)† which has been prepared in this Department. This memorandum supplements the information contained in the printed enclosures to the despatch and contains references to previous correspondence with the Treasury regarding certain items of the Estimates. In this letter the main features only of the financial position will be discussed.

3. The financial position may be summarized as follows:—

	£P.	£P.
Actual Surplus at 31st March, 1932		730,772
Add Revised Estimate of Revenue to 31st March, 1933 ...		2,758,945
		3,489.717
Less Revised Estimate of Expenditure to 31st March, 1933 ...		2,605,845
Estimated Surplus Balance at 31st March, 1933		883,872
Add Estimated Revenue 1933-34:—		
(1) Ordinary	2,675,595	
(2) Grant-in-aid (Trans-Jordan Frontier Force)	148,758	
		2,824,353
		3,708,225
Less Estimated Expenditure 1933-34:—		
(1) Ordinary	2,523,110	
(2) Extraordinary	163,810	
(3) Railways	114,218	
		2,801,138
Estimated Surplus Balance at 31st March, 1934		£P. 907,087

4 Their Lordships will recollect that when the Estimates for the current year were approved, it was estimated that the surplus balance at the 31st of March next would amount to approximately £612,000, but that this estimate was later reduced to £572,000, when additional expenditure amounting to £40,000 under the head Public Works Extraordinary was approved. It will now be seen that revenue (especially from import duties) has increased to such an extent that, despite tithe remissions amounting to £80,000, unforeseen expenditure in connexion with the re-establishment of the finances of the Supreme Moslem Council, and a deficit on the railways greater by £40,000 than was anticipated, the revised estimate of surplus balances at the 31st of March next is £883,872.

5. The estimate of revenue for the year 1933-34 (excluding the grant-in aid for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force) exceeds by nearly £370,000 the approved estimate, but only by some £50,000 the revised estimate of revenue for the current year. The various items of the revenue estimate are analysed by the Treasurer in Enclosure II to the despatch, and the Secretary of State sees no reason to doubt that the estimate of revenue has been framed on reasonable lines.

6. This being the case, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister is prepared to accept the estimate of expenditure which, though it exceeds by £359,000 the approved estimate for the current year, allows for a surplus on the year's working of £23,000. The analysis of the increases of expenditure which is contained in Appendices I and II of the Colonial Office memorandum shows that increases amounting to approximately £122,000 can be disregarded, as due to various changes in the form of the Estimates. Of the

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remaining net increases, the largest (excluding Miscellaneous, Head XXVIII) occur under the following Heads:—

		£
Heads XXIV.	Defence	40,000
,, XXI.	Police and Prisons	18,000
,, XII.	Education	18,000
,, X.	Customs	16,000
,, XI.	Health	15,000
,, V.	District Administration ...	9,700
,, XXVII.	Public Works Recurrent ...	9,000

to which may be added £37,000 representing the increase in the railway deficit.

7. The proposals for increased expenditure have been carefully examined, and the Secretary of State is satisfied that none of them need be excluded as unnecessary or extravagant or as likely to involve, so far as can be foreseen, at present, financial embarrassment in the future. In this connexion it may be noted (see Appendix II of the Colonial Office memorandum) that no extensive additions to establishments in the higher grades are proposed.

8. Their Lordships will observe that provision has been made for the first time in these Estimates for the full amount of the liability which the Government of Palestine has accepted in respect of the cost of the Imperial Forces. The Secretary of State regrets the necessity for additional expenditure under Head XXI, Police and Prisons, which is explained in Enclosure III of the despatch; but, in view of the prevalence of lawlessness (especially agrarian crime) in Palestine, he is not prepared to criticize the proposed additions to the strength of the Police.

9. As regards the increases under Head XII, Education, Head XI, Health, and Head XIII, Agriculture, the need for the additional services now proposed has for long been recognized, and has not escaped the attention of the Permanent Mandates Commission. The Secretary of State is satisfied that these new services are desirable in themselves, and should go some way to meet the criticisms of the Permanent Mandates Commission and the claims of the Jewish community which have formed the subject of separate correspondence, as noted under the appropriate Heads in the Colonial Office memorandum.

10. The additional expenditure under Head X, Customs, may be regarded as directly, and the additional expenditure under District Administration, as indirectly, remunerative.

As regards Heads XVII, Land Settlement, and XIX, Survey Department, it is only necessary to refer to the strong recommendations of Sir John Hope-Simpson, the Financial Commission, and Mr. French, in favour of the acceleration of the process of land partition and survey.

The expenditure under Head XXIII, Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, will form the subject of a separate letter.

11. With reference to paragraph 14 of the covering despatch, I am to enclose a copy of a telegram* from the High Commissioner showing the amount of expenditure already incurred on the Police Training School, and explaining his reasons for postponing the completion of this work.

12. The only unsatisfactory feature of the position is the continued and increasing deficit on the railway estimates. This is attributed mainly to the competition of road transport, which the Palestine railway system (designed for military rather than commercial uses, and burdened with excessive capital charges) is peculiarly ill-adapted to meet. It will be seen from paragraph 15 of the covering despatch that the Acting High Commissioner is satisfied that every economy has been effected in operating expenses, and that consideration is being given to the possibility of curtailing train services without damage to the prospects of obtaining future traffic. The proposal that the General Manager should be empowered to manipulate railway rates within certain limits is under consideration.

13 While there appears to be little prospect of finding a complete solution by these means for a problem which, so far as he is aware, has not yet been satisfactorily solved by any country in the world, the Secretary of State proposes to communicate with the High Commissioner on the subject, furnishing him with information as to the methods adopted in various countries in dealing with the problem, and he will ask the High Commissioner to ensure that this matter is carefully considered by the Government in consultation with the Standing Road Transport Advisory Board and the Road and Railway Boards.

* No. 3.

14. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister will be glad to receive Their Lordships' approval of the Estimates, subject to the minor amendments suggested in the Colonial Office memorandum, and to the receipt of the further information which the High Commissioner has promised, or will be asked, to furnish regarding the proposed Government Hospital at Tiberias, the financial position of the Posts and Telegraphs Department, and the necessity for the appointment of an additional Assistant Superintendent of Police (see Colonial Office memorandum, Heads XI, XXI, and XXX).

15. While satisfied that the present financial position does not demand any reduction of the draft estimate of expenditure, the Secretary of State considers that the Government of Palestine should take early steps to build up a reserve fund to meet the emergency of a sudden shrinkage of revenue, and he has recently asked the High Commissioner to consider a suggestion that a reserve fund of £1,000,000 should be accumulated, exclusive of stores and other non-liquid assets. It has been suggested to the High Commissioner that, as a first step, £500,000 out of the existing surplus should be placed in the reserve fund, and that further allocations to the reserve should be decided each year in connexion with the draft Estimates, any abnormal non-recurrent increases of revenue being placed to reserve as a matter of course A further letter will be sent to the Treasury on this subject, on receipt of the High Commissioner's reply.

16. In conclusion, I am to invite Their Lordships' observations on the question of future procedure with regard to the control of the finances of Palestine. As already noted, provision has been made in the enclosed Estimates for the complete discharge of Palestine's liability in respect of the cost of the Imperial Forces stationed in the territory. The grant-in-aid of three-quarters of the cost of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force is included in the Palestine Estimates for special reasons of which Their Lordships are aware, and can in no sense be regarded as a grant to the Government of Palestine, whose liability for one-quarter of the cost of the Force is provided in full out of revenue. In the circumstances, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister ventures to suggest that, as a solvent territory, Palestine should be exempted from the strict system of financial control which is normally applicable to colonies in receipt of grants or loans-in-aid.

17. The Secretary of State does not wish to suggest that Their Lordships should abandon altogether their control over the finances of the Territory, or that the Palestine Government should lose the advantage of Their Lordship's advice on the broad aspects of financial policy. Indeed, he recognizes that, in view of Palestine's commitments in respect of the £4½ millions guaranteed loan, and in view of the special circumstances, in which certain units of the Imperial Forces are stationed in the Territory, Their Lordships have a right to claim a measure of control. He will, however, be glad to learn whether Their Lordships would consider favourably the proposal that, as from the beginning of the financial year 1933-34, Treasury control over the current expenditure of Palestine should be relinquished, on the understanding that Their Lordships would be afforded an opportunity of scrutinizing the capital expenditure and the broad aspects of the financial position. Under such an arrangement the recurring provision in the annual Estimates would be approved by the Secretary of State (subject to modification, if necessary) and a decision with regard to capital expenditure would be deferred until the Estimates had been examined in the Treasury.

If Their Lordships are prepared to entertain this proposal, I am to suggest that the matter might suitably be discussed by representatives of the Treasury and the Colonial Office.

18 Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister would be grateful if he could receive Their Lordships' decision with regard to these Estimates in time to enable him to telegraph to the High Commissioner not later than the 15th of March, in order that arrangements may be made for the publication of the approved Estimates at the beginning of the new financial year.

I am, &c.,
O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

P.S.—Since this letter was drafted, information has been received which necessitates a revision of the figure of £130,000 under Head XXIV, Item I. The revised estimate of the excess cost of Imperial Forces is only £127,000, and this figure should be substituted under Head XXIV, Item I. A separate letter is being sent to the Treasury on this point. The estimated surplus balance at the 31st March, 1934, will thus be increased by £13,000.

17205/33 [No. 19].

No. 6.

PALESTINE.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 15th March, 1933.)

[*Answered by No.* 8.]

(Confidential " A.")

SIR, High Commissioner's Office, Jerusalem, 8th March, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to refer to your despatch Confidential (2) of the 15th February, 1933,* on the subject of the draft Estimates of the Palestine Government for the year 1933-34, and in particular to paragraph 14 of the enclosure addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, in which reference appears to further information regarding the proposed Government Hospital at Tiberias, the financial position of the Posts and Telegraphs Department, and the necessity for the appointment of an additional Assistant District Superintendent of Police.

2. As regards the first point, I invite your attention to my telegram No 31 of the 14th February, 1933,† reporting my decision to establish the new Government Hospital at Safad instead of at Tiberias and indicating the financial provision which is required as the result of this change of plan over and above that already provided in the draft Estimates for the proposed hospital at Tiberias.

3. Statements by the Postmaster-General upon the financial position of the Posts and Telegraphs Department, with explanatory schedules, have been forwarded as enclosures in my despatch Confidential " E " of the 4th March, 1933.‡

4. The Inspector-General of Police and Prisons is satisfied, after personal inspection of each of the Divisions into which his Force is organized, that the present system by which the Tiberias Sub-District forms part of the Safad Division and the Beisan Sub-District part of the Nazareth Division, is unsound and unworkable. Being fully occupied with the supervision of their immediate areas, the officers at present in charge of the Safad and Nazareth Divisions are unable to give sufficient attention to Tiberias and Beisan, where there is a considerable volume of crime.

Moreover, the problems facing the Police are practically the same in Tiberias and in Beisan and bear little resemblance to those in the Nazareth and Safad areas.

The Inspector-General therefore considers and I agree that it is most desirable to constitute the Tiberias and Beisan areas as an additional Police Division in charge of an Assistant Superintendent. To carry out this change, it is necessary to increase the establishment of Assistant Superintendents by one.

I have, &c.,
ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,
High Commissioner for Palestine.

17205/33 [No. 20].

No. 7.

TREASURY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

[*Answered by No.* 10.]

(S. 35956/01/33.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 15th March, 1933.

1. I HAVE laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams's letter of the 13th February, 1933,§ and the copy of a despatch dated the 7th January, 1933,‖ from the acting High Commissioner for Palestine on the subject of the draft Estimates of the Territory for the year 1933-34.

2. In reply I am to request you to inform the Secretary of State that, subject to the reservations made below, and to the outcome of the further inquiries to which

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* 17205/33 [No. 8]: not printed. † 17417/33 [No. 5]: not printed.
‡ No. 17499/33 [No. 2]: not printed. § No. 5. ‖ No. 1.

reference is made in paragraph 14 of the letter under reply, My Lords approve the Estimates, as submitted, on the basis of the following figures:—

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Revenue	2,824,353
Expenditure...	2,801,138
Surplus ...	£23,215

3. My Lords have noted with satisfaction the increased receipts from customs duties and other sources disclosed by the recent revenue returns. As a result, a surplus of over £150,000 is now expected on the 1932-33 budget.

4. As regards 1933-34, the draft estimates for revenue exceed the revised estimate for the current year by some £50,000; and My Lords note that the Secretary of State sees no reason to doubt that the estimate of revenue for the coming year has been framed on reasonable lines.

5. Turning now to the expenditure side of the estimates, My Lords observe that, after allowance is made for accounting changes, the estimates for 1933-34 exceed the approved total for 1932-33 by some £230,000 or, if the defence payments to His Majesty's Government and the railway deficit be excluded, by about £155,000, part of which is accounted for by services already sanctioned. The largest increases in respect of new services occur under the Heads of Education, Health, Police, Customs, and District Administration.

6. My Lords do not question the desirability of increased expenditure under Customs and District Administration since this expenditure is said to be directly or indirectly remunerative. Nor do They dissent from the views expressed by the Secretary of State as to the need for increasing the strength of the Police to deal with the prevailing lawlessness.

7. My Lords have given special consideration to the proposals for increased expenditure on educational and health services which have formed the subject of separate communications from the Colonial Office.

8. Mr. Williams's letter of the 28th January, 1933,* deals with proposals for providing increased facilities for the elementary education of Arab children in towns. My Lords note that the local Committee which has examined this question propose the appointment of 40 additional teachers during 1933-34, and it is clear from paragraph 8 of their report that they contemplate further additions in 1934-35 or later years. Provision is made in the draft Estimates for the 40 teachers recommended by the Committee and also for 30 extra teachers to supply existing deficiencies in the staffs of urban and rural schools.

9. These proposals go beyond the measures contemplated by the Financial Commissioners in their report of July, 1931. The Commissioners recommended an annual addition of £5,000 for ten years, which would pay for about 30 extra teachers each year. Provision for ten extra teachers was sanctioned in August, 1931. (Treasury letter E. 9193 of 19th August, 1931†) and the 1932-33 Estimates provided for a total expenditure of approximately £159,000 on education, this amount being, as contemplated by the Commissioners, about £5,000 in excess of the provision for the previous year.

10. The 1933-34 provision for education is no less than £185,000, and automatic increases in expenditure owing to salary increments, &c , may well increase this figure in 1934-35 without further additions to staff. In these circumstances while My Lords are prepared to sanction the provision made in the Estimates, They do not regard Themselves as in any way committed to further extension of the service in 1934-35

11. As regards the amount of the grant-in-aid to schools of the Jewish community, I am to say that My Lords offer no objection to the proposals outlined in Mr Downie's letter of the 30th January, 1933,‡ the object of which appears to be to apply with greater precision the general principles on which the grant has previously been based. It should, however, be borne in mind that the grant-in-aid to Jewish schools, which is estimated at £25,254 in 1933-34, will be considerably greater in later years if expenditure on Government schools is increased in the manner referred to in the preceding paragraphs.

* 17240/33 [No. 2]: not printed. † C. 87089/2/31 [No. 118]: not printed.
‡ C. 97289/32 [No. 9]: not printed.

12. In connexion with the estimate for health services My Lords have had before Them Mr. Williams's letter of the 26th January, 1933,* and the accompanying copy of a despatch from the High Commissioner recommending certain contributions to the health services of the Jewish community. In the special circumstances My Lords do not wish to question the policy of affording a limited measure of assistance to Jewish Health Services, even though in the words of the High Commissioner, they are "admittedly, conducted on a scale which appears extravagant in comparison with the scale of the services rendered by the Palestine Government"; and in view of the representations made by the Secretary of State and the High Commissioner They are prepared to agree to the provision in the 1933-34 Estimates of the grants proposed.

13. They wish to put it on record, however, and the Secretary of State will no doubt agree, that there should be no question of admitting the principle of maintaining the existing level of services, at whatever cost to Palestine revenues, in the event of a further diminution of Jewish funds.

14. As regards the proposed subvention of £3,000 a year for five years to the Jewish Agency's agricultural experimental station and the further expenditure on the establishment of a Government citrus demonstration grove, My Lords are prepared to approve generally the proposals outlined in Mr. Downie's letter of the 2nd February, 1933.† I am, however, to inquire whether some part of the receipts from the experimental station will accrue to the Palestine Government as contemplated by Mr. French (supplementary report, paragraph 90). In this connexion I am to point out that the total expenditure from Jewish Agency funds under the agricultural research programme now submitted appears to be less than the amount envisaged by Mr. French.

15. I am to add the following general observations:—

The estimated revenue for 1933-34 greatly exceeds the original estimated yield for 1932-33. The Estimates provide, however, for a surplus of no more than £23,000; a margin which in certain contingencies (for example, in the event of a further deterioration of the railway position) might easily disappear.

16 My Lords observe, moreover, that the provision in the expenditure estimate for Public Works Extraordinary is approximately £125,000; £10,000 less than the provision made in 1932-33 and £45,000 less than the provision recommended by the Financial Commission. In particular, the provision for police quarters appears to be considerably less than the amount recommended by the Financial Commission.

17. There is accordingly ground for thinking that necessary capital commitments are being postponed while, at the same time, recurrent expenditure is being substantially increased, a proceeding which casts a double burden upon the revenue of succeeding years.

18. Moreover, it is probable that, as the result of proposals now under consideration, the year 1934-35 and subsequent years will have to bear some additional burden in respect of loan charges.

19. My Lords agree with the view of the Secretary of State, in which the High Commissioner has concurred, that early steps should be taken to build up a free reserve of £1 million to meet the emergency of a sudden shrinkage of revenue. In this respect the position appears to be that on the 31st March, 1934, the accumulated surplus, excluding working capital, is estimated to be in the neighbourhood of £600,000. But in view of the possibility of other calls being made upon surplus balances the amount available for a first allocation to reserve cannot be put higher than, say, £500,000, a figure which has been suggested by the Secretary of State to the High Commissioner.

20. In the circumstances described above it would appear that the possibility of any substantial allocation to reserve from 1934-35 revenue will depend either upon a further substantial rise in revenue or upon decreases of expenditure.

21. As was indicated in Treasury letter of the 15th June, 1932 (S. 35956/32)‡ My Lords are of the opinion that a continuance of the present level of revenue for an indefinite period cannot be relied upon. Nor can it be confidently assumed that in the immediate future revenue will attain a higher level than that which it is estimated to reach in 1933-34.

22. For these reasons My Lords view with some concern the tendency of expenditure to rise to practically the same level as revenue without provision being made for a substantial margin which could be allocated to reserve. In particular they have felt

* No. 17239/33 [No. 2]: not printed. † No. 17226/33 [No 2]: not printed.
‡ No. 22 in Middle East No. 47.

considerable doubt of the desirability of incurring at this stage additional and recurrent expenditure on services such as health and education which have a natural tendency to further expansion and are difficult to curtail in case of need.

23 While, therefore, My Lords have felt able to sanction the particular proposals put forward in the Estimates now under review, They consider that the course of expenditure in Palestine must be carefully watched, regard being had to the uncertainty of the future revenue position, in order to secure the means of making adequate allocations to reserve from the balance of the revenue over expenditure. On this view of the matter it may be necessary for the Palestine Administration in certain contingencies to prepare considerable reductions of expenditure in order to make possible the building up of the proposed reserve.

24 Turning to the details of the 1933-34 Estimates, My Lords direct me to make the following observations on the provision for staff.

25 In view of the remarks of the Financial Commissioners in paragraph 119 of their Report My Lords assume that They will be consulted further regarding the proposed appointment of a tuberculosis expert (Head XI).

26. My Lords desire also to be consulted on the details of the proposed increase in the Police Force arising out of the suggested establishment of six new stations in rural centres.

27 Having regard to the representations made in paragraph 7 of the High Commissioner's despatch of the 7th January and in the printed memorandum My Lords are prepared to agree to the addition of one Agricultural Officer and four Inspectors, Grade III (Head XIII).

28. As regards Land Settlement and the Survey Department, My Lords are prepared to agree generally that steps should be taken to accelerate the process of land partition and survey.

29. My Lords will await a further communication on the Estimate for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. They note the minor amendments under various Heads of the Estimates suggested in the Colonial Office memorandum and They will be glad to be furnished in due course with information on the matters, referred to in the memorandum and in paragraph 14 of the letter under reply, concerning which the High Commissioner has promised or will be asked to supply further particulars.

30. My Lords agree with the views expressed by the Secretary of State as to the unsatisfactory financial position of the railways, the accounts for which show a continued and increasing deficit. They realize that this difficulty is not peculiar to Palestine and that it is not practicable, at present, to avoid a loss on this service. They are, indeed, somewhat surprised to note that the 1933-34 Estimates provide for a smaller loss than that anticipated during 1932-33.

31 The Secretary of State draws attention to the fact that the Estimates now submitted make provision for meeting in full the liability of the Palestine Government, under the arrangements made in 1930, in respect of the cost of the Imperial Forces stationed in the territory. He therefore suggests that, as a solvent territory, Palestine should be exempted from the strict system of financial control normally applicable to colonies in receipt of grants-in-aid; and proposes that as from the beginning of the financial year 1933-34, Treasury control over the current expenditure of Palestine should be relinquished, on the understanding that Their Lordships would be afforded an opportunity of scrutinizing the capital expenditure and the broad aspects of the financial position. Under such an arrangement the recurring provision in the annual Estimates would be approved by the Secretary of State (subject to modification, if necessary) and a decision with regard to capital expenditure would be deferred until the Estimates had been examined in the Treasury.

32. My Lords regret that in this matter They feel unable to accept the view expressed by the Secretary of State. It is Their usual practice to retain control over the finances of an Administration which has been under the necessity of seeking aid from the Exchequer for a period after the immediate need for assistance has disappeared. Furthermore, the situation of Palestine is unusual in the following particulars:—

(1) A part of the expenditure for the maintenance of internal order in the Territory is borne on the Defence Votes of the United Kingdom.

(2) It is at least possible that the revenues are, and may remain for the time being, temporarily inflated by an influx of capital which will in the future abate.

(3) It is accepted policy that the Territory will shortly raise a further loan under Treasury guarantee.

33. My Lords would, however, be prepared to agree that consultation should take place between representatives of the two departments as to whether any relaxation of the present arrangement is desirable.

I am, &c.,
E. J. STROHMENGER

17205/33 [No. 20A].

No. 8.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 3.15 p.m., 18th March, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

CONFIDENTIAL. No. 56. Your despatch of 8th March, Confidential.* Draft Estimates 1933-34 approved subject to reservation of following items:—

(*a*) Assistant District Superintendent of Police. Explanation contained in your despatch under reference will be communicated to Treasury and I will inform you of decision as early as possible.

(*b*) Jerusalem Post Office. In light of information contained in your Confidential despatch of 4th March† I am asking Treasury to approve provision of £10,000 for construction under Head XXX or alternatively inclusion of this work in proposed loan.

(*c*) Before giving final approval of appointment of tuberculosis expert and increase in strength of Police arising out of establishment of 6 new stations Treasury wish to be consulted further. You will no doubt submit detailed proposals in due course.

(*d*) Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary. Information contained in your Confidential despatch of 2nd March‡ will be communicated to Treasury and decision on these two heads will be telegraphed as soon as possible.

Despatch follows.—CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

17205/33 [No. 21].

No. 9.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Confidential (2).)

SIR, Downing Street, 21st March, 1933.

WITH reference to my Confidential telegram No. 56 of the 18th March,§ I have the honour to transmit to you, for your consideration, a copy of a letter‖ from the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury conveying approval, subject to certain reservations, of the draft Estimates of Palestine for the financial year 1933-34.

2. In my telegram under reference I have already indicated that final approval of expenditure under the following items is temporarily withheld:—

(*a*) *Head XXI, Item* 8. Assistant District Superintendent of Police.

(*b*) *Head XXX, Item* 57. Construction of Post Office, Jerusalem.

(*c*) *Head XI, Items* 39, 41, 78, *and* 82. Tuberculosis survey (see paragraph 25 of Treasury letter).

(*d*) *Head XXI. Items* 24 *to* 27. Additional inspectors, sergeants, corporals, and constables due to opening of six new Police posts in rural areas (see paragraph 26 of Treasury letter).

(*e*) *Heads XXIII and XXXI.* Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. A decision with regard to these two heads will be communicated to you as soon as possible.

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* No. 6. † 17499/33 [No. 2]: not printed. ‡ No. 19. § No. 8. ‖ No. 7.

3. In revising the Estimates for publication, you will no doubt take account of the minor amendments suggested under the following heads in the Colonial Office memorandum* on details of revenue and expenditure, of which a copy was enclosed in my Confidential despatch (2) of the 15th February† :—

Head IV. Items 13, 14, 23, and 24.
,, V. Item 5.
,, X. Items 25, 26, and 37.
,, XI. Item 91.
,, XIII. Item 157. (The full cost of the proposed canning industry survey, viz , £500 should be inserted. £250 will be recovered from the Colonial Development Fund.)
,, XVIII. Item 4.
,, XX. Item 1.
,, XXII. Items 1 and 2.
,, XXIV. Item 1 (Substitute £127.000 for £130,000).
,, XXVIII. Item 15.

Various items under Head XI will no doubt be amended in the light of the recent decision to establish the new Government hospital at Safad instead of Tiberias.

4. I assume that the published Estimates will contain the note which appears on page 15 of the approved Estimates for the current year with regard to admissions to the pensionable establishment In this connexion I have to observe that the post of Director of Agriculture and Forests (Head XIII, Item 1) should be starred as pensionable.

5. I am glad to have been able to approve your proposals for increased grants from public funds towards Jewish education. health, and agricultural research services, and the increased provision for Arab education both in the towns and in the rural districts. I shall be glad if you will give careful consideration to the observations contained in paragraphs 8 to 11 of the letter from the Treasury with regard to the need for caution in connexion with the expansion of educational services. With regard to the Jewish health services, I concur with the view expressed in paragraph 13 of the letter from the Treasury that there can be no question of admitting the principle of maintaining the existing level of those services, at whatever cost to Palestine revenue, in the event of a further diminution of Jewish funds.

6. As regards the proposed subvention of £3,000 a year for five years to the Jewish Agency's experimental station, and the establishment of a Government citrus demonstration grove, I shall be glad if you will furnish in due course the information required in paragraph 14 of the letter from the Treasury.

7. Turning to the general observations contained in paragraph 15 and the following paragraphs of the letter from the Treasury, you will observe that Their Lordships entirely concur with the proposal that early steps should be taken to build up a further reserve of one million pounds to meet the emergency of a sudden shrinkage of revenue. I understand that you also concur in principle, and that you will furnish me with your detailed observations on this proposal when consideration of the proposal for a guaranteed loan is further advanced.

8. In his covering memorandum on the draft Estimates the Treasurer has expressed the view that it is too early yet to say, if the world depression continues for any considerable length of time, whether existing satisfactory economic conditions in Palestine will be maintained. While I have not thought it necessary to suggest a reduction of the total expenditure proposed on the draft Estimates, which, as pointed out in the letter from the Treasury, allows only for a small surplus on the year's working which might easily disappear in the event of a further deterioration of the railway position, I am in full accord with the views expressed in paragraphs 20 to 23 of the letter from the Treasury. I trust that during the forthcoming year expenditure will continue to be strictly regulated and that an endeavour will be made during the course of the year, by means of a careful analysis of revenue statistics, to arrive at reasonably definite conclusions with regard to the permanency or otherwise of the factors responsible for present prosperity. I need hardly emphasize the point that the difficulties with which many British dependencies are now faced have been greatly enhanced by a failure to differentiate between permanently recurring and temporary revenue.

* No. 4. † 17205/33 [No. 8] : not printed.

9. With reference to paragraph 30 of the letter from the Treasury, I will address you in a separate despatch on the subject of the measures which have been adopted in various countries for dealing with the problem of road transport competition with railways.

10. I will also communicate with you further on the question of future arrangements by the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury for control over the finances of Palestine, a matter which will be discussed in the near future between representatives of the Treasury and the Colonial Office.

11. In conclusion, I have to express my appreciation of the care and ability with which the finances of the territory have been administered during the current year, and of the promptness and efficiency with which the draft Estimates have been prepared. I have noted with pleasure the favourable comments contained in paragraph 18 of Mr. Young's Confidential despatch of the 7th January* on the work of the Treasurer and his staff and of Mr. M. Nurock of the Secretariat.

I have, &c.,
P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

17205/33 [No. 22].

No 10

COLONIAL OFFICE to TREASURY.

[*Answered by No.* 11.]

Downing Street, 21st March, 1933.

SIR,

I AM directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to acknowledge the receipt of your letter S. 35956/01/33 of the 15th March.† and to transmit to you, for the information of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, copies of a telegram‡ and a despatch§ which have been sent to the High Commissioner for Palestine on the subject of the draft Estimates of the Territory for the year 1933-1934.

It will be seen that the High Commissioner has been informed that the Estimates are approved, subject to the reservations contained in the Colonial Office memorandum and in your letter under reference.

2. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister has learnt with satisfaction that Their Lordships approve the Estimates as submitted, subject to the reservations indicated. He associates himself with Their Lordships' general observations on the financial position and prospects of the territory, and in the despatch, of which a copy is enclosed, he has invited the High Commissioner's attention to those comments.

3. The Secretary of State notes that Their Lordships are unable to agree to his proposals that, as from the beginning of the financial year 1933-34, Treasury control over the current expenditure of Palestine should be relinquished on the understanding that Their Lordships would be afforded an opportunity of scrutinizing the capital expenditure and the broad aspects of the financial position, and he does not wish to press this particular proposal. He is glad to note that Their Lordships are prepared to agree that the question of some relaxation of present arrangements for financial control should be discussed between representatives of the two Departments.

4. I am to take this opportunity of enclosing copies of despatches‖ from the High Commissioner for Palestine relating (*a*) to the additional post of Assistant Superintendent of Police, to which reference is made under Head XXI, Item 8, in the Colonial Office memorandum on the draft Estimates, and (*b*) to the financial results of the postal, telegraph, and telephone services. In view of the information which the High Commissioner has furnished, the Secretary of State will be glad to receive Their Lodships' early approval for the appointment of an additional Assistant Superintendent of Police and for the provision of £10,000 under Head XXX, Item 57 of

* No. 1. † No. 7. ‡ No. 8. § No. 9, ‖ 17205/33 [No. 8] and 17499/33 [No 2] : not printed.

the Estimates, for the commencement of construction of the new Post Office at Jerusalem, unless it should be decided as an alternative to provide for this work out of loan funds.

I am, &c.,
O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

17205/33 [No. 23].

No. 11.

TREASURY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

(S. 35956/01/33.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 5th May, 1933

I HAVE laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams's letter of the 21st March, 1933,* and the accompanying copies of correspondence with the High Commissioner for Palestine on the subject of the provision made for certain services in the 1933 Estimates for the Territory.

In reply I am to request you to inform the Secretary of State that My Lords approve the appointment of an additional Assistant Superintendent of Police Head XXI, Item 8). They are also willing to agree to the proposal that £10,000 should be provided under Head XXX, Item 57, of the Estimates in respect of the construction of Jerusalem Post Office, subject to the possibility of its being decided to provide for this work out of loan funds.

I am, &c.,
R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

17205/33 [No. 24].

No. 12.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT.

(Sent 6 p.m., 10th May, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 96. CONFIDENTIAL. My despatch Confidential, 21st March.† Following expenditure in draft Estimates now approved:—Additional Assistant District Superintendent of Police Head XXI, Item 8. £10,000 under Head XXX, Item 57, in respect of construction of Jerusalem Post Office subject to possibility of provision out of loan funds.—CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

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* No. 10. † No. 9.

17205/33 [No. 30].

No. 13.

PALESTINE.

THE OFFICER ADMINISTERING THE GOVERNMENT to THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 12th June, 1933.)

[*Answered by No.* 16.]

(Secret "A.")

SIR, High Commissioner's Office, Jerusalem, 3rd June, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to refer to the correspondence ending with your telegram No. 103 of the 18th May, 1933,* on the subject of the draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Palestine Government for the financial year 1933-34, and to forward herewith a list of the changes necessitated in the printed draft of the Estimates accompanying Mr. Young's despatch Confidential of the 7th January, 1933,† by subsequent proposals of this Government which have, for the most part, already been approved by you.

The Remarks column of the list contains an adequate explanation of the several changes and refers to your approval in every relevant case.

2. The changes made involve a net increase in Revenue of £P.35,392 and a net increase in Expenditure of £P.47,334 which reduces the estimated surplus balance in the draft Estimates from £P.23,215 to £P.11,273. It is likely, however, that savings will be realized to the extent at least of £P.24,000 under Head XXX if you approve the inclusion in the schedule to the proposed new Palestine Government Guaranteed Loan of £P.2,000,000, of provision for the construction of the General Post Office, Jerusalem.

It will be observed that the estimate of receipts from import duties has been increased by £P.50,000 having regard to the approximate collections in April and May as under:—

	£P.
April	125,000
May	140,000

3. I shall be grateful if you will approve these revised Estimates by telegraph so that a General Warrant may be issued to the Treasurer; the Estimates published; and the Appropriation Ordinance prepared for enactment at the earliest possible date.

I have, &c.,
H. H. TRUSTED,
Officer Administering the Government.

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* 17447/33 [No. 4]: not printed. † No. 1.

Enclosure in No. 13.

Schedule of Changes necessitated in Estimates of Revenue.

Heads and Sub-Heads.	*Estimated Revenue 1933-34.*	*Revised Estimated Revenue 1933-34.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks Explanatory of Increase or Decrease.*
I. Customs.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
1. Import Duty	1,150,000	1,200,000	50,000	—	1. Approximate collections in April £P.125,000 and in May £P.140,000.
II. Port and Marine.					
4. Berthage Dues	2,200	2,000	—	200	4. Dues imposed as from 1st July, 1933.
5. Moorage Dues	1,500	1,300	—	200	5. Do. do.
6. Wharfage Dues	25,000	12,000	—	13,000	6. Dues imposed as from 1st July, 1933, and only at Haifa.
8. Towage Dues	4,000	3,000	—	1,000	8. Dues imposed as from 1st July.
IV. Fees of Court, &c.					
25. Reimbursements—Trans-Jordan ...	11,700	11,000	—	700	25. Captain Northfield is shown in the Expenditure Estimates as a seconded officer to the Arab Legion but no provision is made for his emoluments.
31. Contribution from Colonial Development Fund	—	250	250	—	31. Secretary of State's despatch No. 273 of 24th March, 1933.* See Expenditure Head XIII, Item 157.
X. Grant-in-Aid.					
1. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	148,758	149,000	242	—	1. The approved grant-in-aid is £P.149.000, *vide* Secretary of State's Confidential despatch of 5th May, 1933.† The amount is made up as follows:— Three-quarters of estimated ordinary expenditure on Trans-Jordan Frontier Force ... ... £P. 138,455; Whole estimated expenditure on Extraordinary works in Trans-Jordan ... ... 10,915; 149,370; Say £P.149,000
£P.1,343,158	£P.1,378,550	£P.50.492	£P.15,100	Net Increase £P.35,392.	

* 17430/33 [No. 8]: not printed. † No. 22.

Schedule of Changes necessitated in Estimates of Expenditure.

Heads and Sub-Heads.	*Estimated Expenditure 1933-34.*	*Revised Estimated Expenditure 1933-34.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
II. Public Debt and Loan Charges.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
3. Sinking Fund	23,411	26,254	2,843	—	3. Half-yearly contribution increased from a rate of 11/8 per cent. to 13/1 per cent. with effect from 1st May, 1933. See Secretary of State's telegram No. 81 of 24th April, 1933.*
IX. Audit Department.					
B. *Other Charges.*					
18. Share of Home Expenditure ...	439	460	21	—	18. See Secretary of State's Circular despatch dated 22nd March, 1933.
X. Customs, Excise and Trade.					
B. *Other Charges.*					
37. Maintenance of Tugs	12,000	8,000	—	4,000	37. For part of year only.
XI. Department of Health.					
B. *Other Charges.*					
91. Contribution to Jewish Health Services	3,750	3,700	—	50	(Originally an error in Estimates.)
XIII. Department of Agriculture and Forests.					
118. Grant-in-Aid to Agricultural Kadoorie Schools, Tulkarm and Mount Tabor	3,000	5,500	2,500	—	118. When the Estimates were prepared, it was not anticipated that any grant-in-aid for the Mount Tabor School would be necessary.
Special Expenditure.					
146. Purchase of sites for Agricultural Stations	625	3,025	2,400	—	146. For purchase of Majdal Agricultural Station site approved by Secretary of State; *vide* telegram No. 57 of 13th March, 1933.†
157. Survey of Canning Industry ...	250	500	250	—	157. Approved by Secretary of State; *vide* despatch No. 273 of 24th March, 1933.‡ See Revenue Head IV, Item 31.
Carried forward	43,475	47,439	8,014	4,050	

* 17281/33 [No. 3]: not printed. † 17331/33 [No. 1]: not printed. ‡ 17430/33 [No. 8]: not printed.

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES NECESSITATED IN ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

Heads and Sub-Heads.	*Estimated Expenditure* 1933-34.	*Revised Estimated Expenditure* 1933-34.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
Brought forward	43,475	47,439	8,014	4,050	
XX. DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENT.					
A. *Personal Emoluments.*					
1. Director	1,000	1,425	425	—	1. Acting pay approved by Secretary of State; *vide* despatch No. 1016 of 5th November, 1932.*
3. Expatriation Allowance	100	—	—	100	3. Delete.
Registrar of Co-operative Societies.					
14 (*a*). Two Inspectors of Co-operative Societies at £P.300—10—550	—	600	600	—	14 (*a*). Approved by Secretary of State; *vide* despatch No. 451 of 17th May, 1933.†
14 (*b*). Officers of the General Clerical Service	—	249	249	—	14 (*b*). Do.
B. *Other Charges.*					
15. Cost-of-Living Allowance	117	153	36	—	15. (Increase for 2 Inspectors and 2 Clerks of Co-operative Societies.)
Special Expenditure.					
26. Transport and Travelling	100	200	100	—	26. Approved by Secretary of State; *vide* despatch No. 451 of 17th May, 1933.†
29. Typewriter	—	22	22	—	29. Do.
30. Upkeep of Library	—	10	10	—	30. Do.
31. Lighting and Heating	—	10	10	—	31. Do.
XXII. DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION.					
A. *Personal Emoluments.*					
1. Director at £P.1,100 per annum ...	1,050	1,100	50	—	1. Regrading approved by Secretary of State; *vide* despatch No. 198 of 2nd March, 1933.‡
2. Expatriation Allowance	150	200	50	—	2. Do.

* P.F. 22187: not printed. † 17264/33 [No. 7]: not printed. ‡ C. 97313/32 [No. 6]: not printed.

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES NECESSITATED IN ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

Heads and Sub-Heads.	*Estimated Expenditure* 1933-34.	*Revised Estimated Expenditure* 1933-34.	*Income.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
XXIII. TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE.					
A. *Personal Emoluments.*					
26. Local Officers:— 3 Kaids at £P.300—20—400 per annum 7 Rais at £P.252—8—300 per annum 14 Mulazims at £P.208—8—248 per annum	5,656	5,688	32	—	26. Approved by Secretary of State.
28. One Education Officer at £P.264 per annum	264	—	—	264	28. See Item 26.
52. Clerical Officers:— 1 Grade I at £P.288—12—360 per annum 3 Grade II at £P.180—8—276 per annum 3 Soldier Clerks at £P.10 per *mensem*	1,512	1,300	—	212	52. See Item 26.
52 (*a*). Regimental Records Officer (Mulazim) at £P.180—8—276 per annum	—	212	212	—	52 (*a*). See Item 26.
63. Cost-of-Living Allowances	1,130	1,178	48	—	63. See Item 26.
B. *Other Charges.*					
102. Purchase of Vehicles for Mechanization	1,700	2,700	1,000	—	102. See Item 26.
XXIV. DEFENCE.					
1. Contribution to Imperial Government towards the excess cost of the British Forces in Palestine and Trans-Jordan over the cost of such Forces at their normal stations payable to the War Office and Air Ministry	130,000	127,000	—	3,000	1. See Item 26.
Carried forward	186,254	189,486	10,858	7,626	

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES NECESSITATED IN ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

Heads and Sub-Heads.	*Estimated Expenditure* 1933-34.	*Revised Estimated Expenditure* 1933-34.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
Brought forward	186,254	189,486	10,858	7,626	
XXX. PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY.					1. Revote.
His Excellency the High Commissioner.					
1. New Government House	—	11	11	—	
Agriculture and Forests.					
6. Construction of irrigation channels at Agricultural Station, Beisan	1,350	1,013	—	337	6. Includes revote of £P.63 on Items 7 and 10 of Head XXX in 1932-33 Estimates.
12 (*a*). Completion of Garden and surroundings, Government House, Jerusalem	—	200	200	—	12 (*a*). Approved by Secretary of State.
Education.					
29 (*b*). Additional land for Boys' School, Tiberias	—	92	92	—	29 (*b*). Approved by Secretary of State; *vide* despatch No. 688 of 27th August, 1932.*
Health.					
32. Construction of Mental Hospital, Bethlehem	1,390	1,358	—	32	32. Revote for purchase of land.
32 (*a*). Additions and Alterations to Mental Hospital, Bethlehem	—	179	179	—	32 (*a*). Revote.
Judicial Department.					
46 (*a*). Construction of District and Magistrate's Court, Haifa	—	534	534	—	46 (*a*). Revote.
Police and Prisons.					
52 (*a*). Additional Accommodation at the Tulkarm Reformatory School	—	3,500	3,500	—	52 (*a*). For the following works:— £P. Two additional dormitories ... ... 1,680 Dining accommodation ... ... 400 Baths, latrines, &c. ... ... 140 Class room ... ... 320 Converting one range of stabling into Gymnasium ... ... 220 Four-roomed house for staff ... ... 550 3,310 Furniture and contingencies ... ... 190 £P.3,500 Approved by Secretary of State; *vide* despatch No. 363 of 21st April, 1933.*
53 (*a*). Construction of Police Training School, Jerusalem	—	854	854	—	53 (*a*). Revote. For purchase of land.
53 (*b*). Construction of Standard Police Posts	7,400	7,400	—	—	53 (*b*). Includes revote of £P.4,395 for completion of four posts and provision for two new posts.
Posts and Telegraphs.					
57. Construction of Post Office, Jerusalem	10,000	24,000	14,000	—	57. Includes revote of £P 14,000 for purchase of land.
Construction of Roads and Bridges					
75. Construction of Acre-Safad Road ...	560	500	—	60	75. Revote for payment for land, trees, &c.
75 (*a*). Construction of Haifa-Acre Road ...	—	261	261	—	75 (*a*). Revote.
77 (*a*). Reconstruction of Hedera Feeder Road	—	760	760	—	77 (*a*). Approved by Secretary of State; *vide* telegram No. 68 of 7th April, 1933.†
77 (*b*). Repairs to Jerusalem-Jericho Road...	—	14,000	14,000	—	77 (*b*). Approved by Secretary of State; *vide* telegram No. 109 of 24th May, 1933.‡
77 (*c*). Construction of Mesha-Kennereth Road to Agricultural School, Mount Tabor	—	1,400	1,400	—	77 (*c*). Approved by Secretary of State; *vide* telegram No. 112 of 27th May, 1933.§
80. Boring for Water Supplies	3,000	4,500	1,500	—	80 Approved by Secretary of State; *vide* telegram No. 78 of 21st April, 1933.‖
81. Boring and Well Sinking Plant ...	250	2,120	1,870	—	81. Includes revote of £P.70 for outstanding Indents and £P.1,800 approved by Secretary of State; *vide* telegram No. 78 of 21st April, 1933
Carried forward	210,204	252,168	50,019	8,055	

* C. 97104/32 [No. 156]: not printed

* 17389/33 [No. 4]: not printed. † 17402/33 [No. 4]: not printed. ‡ 17304/33 [No. 62]: not printed. § 17304/33 [No. 74]: not printed.
‖ 17413/33 [No.4]: not printed.

SCHEDULE OF CHANGES NECESSITATED IN ESTIMATES OF EXPENDITURE—*continued.*

Heads and Sub-Heads.	*Estimated Expenditure 1933-34.* £P.	*Revised Estimated Expenditure 1933-34.* £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
Brought forward	210,204	252,168	50,019	8,055	
XXXI. PUBLIC WORKS EXTRAORDINARY (*contd.*)					
82. Village Water Supplies	1,250	2,750	1,500	—	82. Approved by Secretary of State; *vide* telegram No. 94 of 9th May, 1933.*
84. Trial Wells with pumping tests for Jerusalem Water Supply	—	373	373	—	84. Revote.
PALESTINE RAILWAY AND OPERATED LINES.					
Abstract "E."					
2. Sinking Fund Charges at £1 6s. 2d. per annum	28,797	32,294	3,497	—	2. Half-yearly contribution increased from a rate of 11s. 8d. per cent. to 13s. 1d. per cent. with effect from 1st May, 1933. See Secretary of State's telegram No. 81 of 24th April, 1933.†
TOTALS	£P.240,251	£P.287,585	£P.55,389	£P.8,055	Net Increase £P.47,334.

† 17281/33 [No. 3]: not printed.

* 17413/33 [No. 8]: not printed.

17205/33 [No. 31].

No. 14.

COLONIAL OFFICE to TREASURY.

[*Answered by No.* 15.]

SIR, Downing Street, 21st June, 1933.

WITH reference to your letter S. 35956/01/33 of the 15th of March,* I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch† from the Officer Administering the Government of Palestine enclosing a schedule explaining certain modifications which have been made in the approved draft Estimates for 1933-34.

References to previous correspondence with the Treasury have been inserted in the "Remarks" column of the schedule.

2. It will be observed that the Estimate of Revenue has been revised in the light of customs receipts for the months of April and May, and shows a net increase of £35,392. Expenditure shows a net increase of £47,334, but this includes a sum of £24,000 for the construction of the new Post Office at Jerusalem. If, as proposed in the letter from this Department of the 10th June,‡ this expenditure is met from the proposed new guaranteed loan, the estimated surplus on the year's working will be £35,000 approximately, instead of £11,273, as at present estimated.

3. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister will be glad to receive Their Lordships' early approval of these revised figures, as he is anxious that the Estimates should be printed and published without further delay.

I am, &c.,
O. G. R. WILLIAMS

17205/33 [No. 34].

No. 15.

TREASURY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

(S. 35956/01/33.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 4th July, 1933.

I HAVE laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams's letter of the 21st ultimo,§ and the accompanying copy of a despatch from the Officer Administering the Government of Palestine enclosing a schedule explaining certain modifications which have been made in the approved draft Estimates for 1933-34.

My Lords note that the Estimate of Revenue has been revised in the light of customs receipts for the months of April and May, and shows a net increase of £35,392. Expenditure shows a net increase of £47,334, of which £14,000 is due to a re-vote of this amount for the purchase of land for Jerusalem Post Office.

I am now to request you to convey to the Secretary of State Their Lordships' approval of the amendments to the Estimates detailed in the enclosures to the letter under reply.

The duplicate copy of the despatch from Palestine is returned herewith.

I am, &c.,
R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

17205/33 [No. 35].

No. 16.

PALESTINE.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 11.20 a.m., 6th July, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 143. SECRET. Your despatch of 3rd June, Secret "A."† Revised estimates approved.—CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

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* No. 7. † No. 13. ‡ 17499/33 [No. 6]: not printed. § No. 14.

2. TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE (GRANT-IN-AID).

17807/33 [No. 1].

No. 17.

PALESTINE ESTIMATES, 1933-34.

Items	1932-33	1933-34	DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE	Approved Estimates 1932-33	Estimates 1933-34	Increase	Decrease	REMARKS
				£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
			XXIII. TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE.					
			A. PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS.					
			BRITISH RANKS.					
1	1	1	Commanding Officer at £P.1,150 p.a.	1,150	1,150	—	—	
2			Duty Allowance at £P.100 p.a.	100	100	—	—	
3	1	1	Second-in-Command at £P.900 p.a.	900	1,073	173	—	3. To provide for the emoluments of Major Miller to 9th June, 1933, as supernumerary to establishment pending relinquishment of command by Lt.-Col. C. A. Shute.
4			Duty Allowance at £P.50 p.a.	50	50	—	—	
5	1	1	Adjutant at £P.600-50-700 p.a.	700	650	—	50	5. Change in holders.
6			Duty Allowance at £P.50 p.a...	50	50	—	—	
7	5	5	Company Commanders at £P.700-50-800 p.a.	3,939	3,868	—	71	7. Change in holders.
8			Duty Allowances at £P.50 p.a.	250	250	—	—	
9	1	1	Senior Medical Officer at £P.700-50-800 p.a.	711	738	27	—	9. Increment.
10			Duty Allowance at £P.50 p.a...	50	50	—	—	
11	1	1	Senior Veterinary Officer at £P.600-50-700 p.a.	700	700	—	—	
12			Duty Allowance at £P.50 p.a...	50	50	—	—	
13	10	10	Company Officers at £P.600-50-700 p.a.	6,339	6,226	—	113	13. Change in holders.
14	1	1	Signalling Officer at £P.600-50-700 p.a.	650	683	33	—	14. Increment.
15	1	1	Quartermaster at £P.600-50-700 p.a.	650	688	38	—	15. do.
16	1	1	Paymaster at £P.600-50-700 p.a.	614	636	22	—	16. do.
17	—	1	Workshops Officer at £P.600-50-700 p.a.	—	600	600	—	17. New appointment.
18	7	6	Warrant Officers at £P.290-10-340 p.a...	2,274	1,973	—	301	18. One appointment abolished.
19			Expatriation Allowance at £P.50 p.a.	350	300	—	50	
20	1	1	Farrier Staff-Sergeant at £P.240-10-280 p.a.	280	280	—	—	22. Increments.
21			Expatriation Allowance at £P.50 p.a.	50	50	—	—	
22	2	2	Mechanical Transport Staff Sergeants at £P.240-10-280 p.a.	511	531	20	—	
23			Expatriation Allowance at £P.50 p.a.	100	100	—	—	25. See Appendix B.
24			Reserve of Officers	270	270	—	—	
25			Compensatory Allowances	154	108	—	46	
			LOCAL RANKS					
26	22	22	Local Officers ;— .. .. 1 Sagh at £P.300-20-400 p.a. 4 Class I. at £P.300-10-550 p.a. 8 Class II. at £P.264 p.a. 9 Class III. at £P.216 p.a.	5,656	5,656	—	—	
27			Duty Allowance at £P.50 p.a.	50	50	—	—	
28	1	1	Educational Officer at £P.264 p.a.	264	264	—	—	29. Increments and one at £P.400 p.a.
29	3	3	Medical Officers at £P.300-10-550 p.a.	1,162	1,313	151	—	30. Increment.
30	1	1	Veterinary Officer at £P.300-20-400 p.a.	362	382	20	—	
31	6	6	Company-Quartermaster-Sergeants at £P.150 p.a. ..	900	900	—	—	
32	27	27	Sergeants at £P.10 p.m.	3,240	3,240	—	—	
33	6	6	Lance-Sergeants at £P.9 p.m...	648	648	—	—	35. Reduction in establishment on mechanization of Camel Company.
34	36	36	Corporals at £P.8 p.m.	3,456	3,456	—	—	
35	736	679	Privates at £P.6 p.m.	52,992	48,888	—	4,104	
			Carried forward ..	89,622	85,971	1,084	4,735	

Items	1932-33	1933-34	DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE	Approved Estimates 1932-33	Estimates 1933-34	Increase	Decrease
				£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
			XXIII. TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE.				
			A. PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS (continued).				
			LOCAL RANKS (continued).				
			Brought forward ..	89,622	85,971	1,084	4,735
36			Proficiency Pay	3,915	3,915	—	—
37			Tradesmen's Pay	2,250	2,550	300	—
38			Good Conduct Pay	3,500	4,200	700	—
39	2	3	Corporal-Mechanics at £P.15 p.m.	360	540	180	—
40	29	—	Drivers at £P.12 p.m.	4,176	—	—	—
41	—	1	Sergeant-Driver at £P.15 p.m.	—	180	—	—
42	—	12	Corporal Drivers at £P.12 p.m.	—	1,728	—	—
43	—	31	Drivers at £P.10 p.m.	—	3,720	1,452	—
44	7	—	Mechanics at £P.12 p.m.	1,008	—		
45	2	—	Electricians at £P.12 p.m.	288	—		
46	—	7	Mechanics (M.T.) at £P.12 p.m.	—	1,008	468	—
47	—	1	Power House Supt. at £P.15 p.m.	—	180		
48	—	4	Electrical Mechanics at £P.12 p.m.	—	576		
49	1	1	Bodymaker (M.T.)	144	144	—	—
50	—	1	Painter (M.T.)	—	120	120	—
51	1	1	Pumpman at £P10 p.m.	120	120	—	—
52	6	8	Clerical Officers— 1 grade I at £P.288-12-360 p.a. 4 grade II at £P.180-8-276 p.a. 3 Soldier Clerks at £P.10 p.a.	1,180	1,512	332	—
53			Compensatory Allowances	10	10	—	—
54	17	24	Sanitarymen at £P.4,500 p.m.	918	1,296	378	—
55			Reservists	2,412	2,898	486	—
56	1	1	Assistant Engineer at £P.312-12-372 p.a.	372	372	—	—
57	1	1	Foreman grade II at £P.180-8-276 p.a.	228	236	8	—
58	1	1	Foreman grade III at £P.60-6-168 p.a.	126	132	6	—
59	1	1	Clerk grade III at £P.60-6-168 p.a.	112	117	5	—
60			Remuneration of part-time Teachers	84	96	12	—
61	—	20	Recruits at £P.4,500 p.m.	—	1,080	1,080	—
			TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS ..	110,825	112,701	6,611	4,735
			B. OTHER CHARGES.				
62			Pensions, Contributions and Allowances	1,800	4,500	2,700	—
63			Cost of Living Allowances	1,060	1,130	70	—
64			Officers' Outfit Allowances	320	320	—	—
			Carried forward ..	3,180	5,950	2,770	—

REMARKS

37. Payable under Regulations.
38. do.
39. Increase of one for new Mechanized Company.
40—43. Increase for new Mechanized Company.

44—48. Power House and M.T. personnel previously shown in one item. Increase of three Mechanics for new Mechanized Company. Power House Superintendent at £P.15 p.m. approved by Secretary of State.

50. Additional appointment for new Mechanized Company.

52. Increase of Grade II Clerk,—see item 18, and one Soldier Clerk.

53. See Appendix B.
54. For men's married quarters.
55. Provision in 1933-34 as under:

	£P.
6 Sergeants	558
6 Corporals	900
168 Privates	1,440
	£P.2,898

57. Increment.
58. do.
59. do.
60. For 8 Teachers at £P.1 p.m.
61. To provide Depot and Training Cadre.

62. Estimates 1932-33 did not include gratuities under Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Pensions Ordinance.

64. £P.200 for Reserve of Officers—not expended in 1932-33.

Items	1932-33	1933-34	DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE	Approved Estimates 1932-33	Estimates 1933-34	Increase	Decrease	REMARKS
				£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
			XXIII. TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE (continued).					
			B. OTHER CHARGES (continued).					
			Brought forward ..	3,180	5,950	2,770	—	
65			Transport and Travelling	3,000	3,000	—	—	
66			Railway Fares and Freights	5,800	5,300	—	500	
67			Passages	500	500	—	—	
68			Maintenance of Mechanical Transport	9,400	10,800	1,400	—	68. For new Mechanized Company and increased number of vehicles.
69			Arms, Equipment, Uniforms and Clothing	11,000	9,500	—	1,500	
70			Ammunition	3,500	3,500	—	—	
71			Harness and Saddlery	1,100	1,100	—	—	
72			Horse Shoes and Stable Requisites	2,100	1,400	—	700	
73			Forage	12,600	10,500	—	2,100	73. Abolition of Camel Company.
74			Camp Equipment	600	600	—	—	
75			Fuel and Light	1,750	1,900	150	—	75. Provision in 1932-33 inadequate.
76			Furniture and Barrack Stores	800	750	—	50	
77			Stationery and Printing	375	375	—	—	
78			Miscellaneous Stores	570	500	—	70	
79			Maintenance of Signalling and W.T. Apparatus	700	900	200	—	79. do.
80			Medical Services	1,200	1,000	—	200	
81			Veterinary Services	175	150	—	25	
82			Rent of Camps, Quarters and Training Areas	60	60	—	—	
83			Current Repairs and Maintenance; Buildings and Camps ..	2,200	2,200	—	—	
84			Water Supply and Conservancy	500	500	—	—	
85			Crown Agents' Expenses	300	350	50	—	
86			Typewriters and Duplicators	25	50	25	—	86. To replace two unserviceable machines.
87			Telegrams, Telephones and Postage	800	800	—	—	
88			Contingencies	60	60	—	—	
89			Purchase of Remounts	900	2,000	1,100	—	89. For replacement of approximately sixty remounts.
90			Rations	800	800	—	—	
91			Replacement of Mechanical Vehicles	3,000	1,500	—	1,500	91. To purchase one Crossley and one Commer Truck, for replacements.
			SPECIAL EXPENDITURE.					
92			Purchase of Tentage	900	—	—	900	
93			Purchase of Electric Fans	50	—	—	50	
94			Purchase of Weighing Machines	60	—	—	60	
95			Purchase of 6 Hotchkiss Guns	60	360	300	—	95. To replace 6 Hotchkiss Guns in Cavalry Squadrons.
96			Purchase of 4 part-worn Lewis Guns	—	100	100	—	96. For instructional purposes.
97			Purchase of 8 Vickers Guns	—	2,400	2,400	—	97. For Mechanized Company.
98			Purchase of Musketry Equipment	—	100	100	—	98. For instructional appliances.
			Carried forward ..	68,065	69,005	8,595	7,655	

Items	1932-33	1933-34	DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE	Approved Estimates 1932-33	Estimates 1933-34	Increase	Decrease
				£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
			XXIII. TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE (cont.)				
			B. OTHER CHARGES (continued).				
			SPECIAL EXPENDITURE (continued).				
			Brought forward ..	68,065	69,005	8,595	7,655
99			Purchase of S.M.L.E. Rifles, 22 bore	—	100	100	—
100			Purchase of Workshop Tools and Plant..	—	185	185	—
101			Printing of Standing Orders and Training Manuals ..	—	100	100	—
102			Purchase of Vehicles for Mechanization	—	1,700	1,700	—
			TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	68,065	71,090	10,680	7,655
			TOTAL TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE ..	178,890	183,791	17,291	12,390
			XXIV. DEFENCE.				
1			Contribution to Imperial Government towards the excess cost of the British Forces in Palestine and Trans-Jordan over the cost of such forces at their normal stations payable to the War Office and Air Ministry	90,000	130,000	40,000	—
2			Difference between Public Rates and Preferential Rates on the Palestine Railway and Operated Lines for Royal Air Force and Army Units	12,000	12,000	—	—
			TOTAL DEFENCE	102,000	142,000	40,000	—

REMARKS

99. For training of recruits.
100. For purchase of Air Compressor, Paint Sprayer, Cleansing Tank, and Vulcanizing Plant.
101. To print Standing Orders and Training Manuals for the Force.
102. See High Commissioner's telegram No. 162 of 19th November, 1932.*

NET INCREASE £P.4,901.

1. The Estimates for 1932-33 included only part of the excess cost of His Majesty's Forces.

NET INCREASE £P.40,000.

* C. 97807/32 [No. 5] : not printed.

	Original Estimate	Revised Estimate	Expenditure to 31-3-33	Estimate 1933-34	REMARKS
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
XXXI. TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE EXTRAORDINARY.					
IN PALESTINE.					
1. Additions to Samakh Camp	495	—	—	495	1. Items omitted from 1931-32 Building Programme; now required to complete accommodation in Jordan Area— £P. Fitting racks and shelves in Barrack Huts .. .. .. 50 Concrete partitions in Barrack Huts to make non-commissioned officers' bunks .. .. 50 Alterations to British Officers' Quarters .. .. 15 Erection of accommodation for servants .. .. 50 Improvements to existing temporary Forage Barns 330 £P.495
2. Additions to Jisr-el-Mejameh Camp	512	—	—	512	2. Concrete floors in Saddle Rooms .. .. 70 Accommodation for Canteen Staff .. .. 12 Petrol Store .. .. 30 Improvements to existing temporary Forage Barns .. .. .. 100 Construction of the Veterinary Pharmacy and Forge .. .. .. 150 Construction of Canteen Kitchen 150 £P.512
3. Additions to Beisan Camp	90	—	—	90	3. Construction of Laundry with drainage.
4. Construction of Single British Officers' Quarter—Jisr-el-Mejameh	600	—	—	600	4. Accommodation is required at Headquarters Jordan Area for new Medical Officer and Veterinary Officer. Present British Officer's Quarter will be adequate for both Local Officers, but a new Quarter is now required for a single British Officer.
5. Men's Married Quarters in Jordan Area	5,800	—	—	5,800	
TOTAL IN PALESTINE ..	—	—	—	7,497	
IN TRANS-JORDAN.					
6. Repainting buildings; Zerka and Ma'an	500	—	—	500	6. Remaining hutments in Zerka and Ma'an (built in 1927) which were not re-conditioned in 1930, now require re-conditioning.
7. Additional accommodation at Zerka for British personnel	100	—	—	100	7. Additional room is required for British Officers' and for British Warrant Officers' accommodation.
8. Erection of Pay Office	200	—	—	200	8. Present accommodation unsuitable from Medical and Fire Committee's point of view.
9. Installation of Hot Water System in Hospitals at Zerka and Malan	265	—	—	265	9. Very necessary, as all personnel requiring treatment (including major and minor operations) are dealt with in Camp Hospitals.
10. Men's Married Quarters; Zerka and Ma'an	9,600	—	—	9,600	
11. Construction of School at Zerka	100	—	—	100	11. To construct a School for the children of local officers, non-commissioned officers, and men of the Force at Zerka.
12. Additional accommodation for Commanding Officer at Zerka	150	—	—	150	12. For additional rooms for family of Commanding Officer.
TOTAL IN TRANS-JORDAN ..	—	—	—	10,915	
TOTAL—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE EXTRAORDINARY ..	—	—	—	18,412	

	Approved Estimates 1932-33	Estimates 1933-34	Increase	Decrease	
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
XXXII. RAILWAYS.					
1. Excess of Expenditure over Revenue	78,964	114,218	35,254	—	1. *See* Appendix E. Increase £P.35,254.

17807/33 [No. 2].

No. 18.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

[*Answered by No.* 19.]

(Confidential.)

SIR, Downing Street, 3rd February, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to address you on the subject of the Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the financial year 1933-34, which form Heads XXIII and XXXI of the draft Palestine Estimates. A memorandum which has been drawn up in the Colonial Office regarding these Heads is enclosed herewith. I shall be glad if you will furnish me at the earliest possible date with the information requested in the memorandum, and also with any further observations which you may have to make with regard to these Heads.

I have, &c.,
P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

Enclosure in No. 18.

MEMORANDUM.

Head XXIII.

Item 24. *Reserve of Officers.*—It is assumed that the Ordinance mentioned in the High Commissioner's Confidential despatch "A" of the 10th September, 1932,* will be enacted during the course of the year.

Item 26.—Class 1 officers are still shown as being on the scale £P.300—£P.10—£P.550. In this connexion reference is invited to the Secretary of State's Confidential despatch of the 30th September, 1932,† to which no reply has yet been received.

Item 54.—See the remarks under Items 5 and 10 of Head XXXI.

Item 55.—Information is requested as to the necessity for this increase. The number of Corporals shown in the "Remarks" would appear to be a printing error.

Item 60.—Information is requested as to the necessity for this increase.

Item 61.—It is assumed that recruits are to be trained at the Depot before being passed on to the Companies. It would be convenient if information were given as to the present practice, and whether it is intended to retain 20 recruits at the Depot irrespective of the stage reached in their training. A situation might arise in which all the Companies were at full strength and all the recruits were fully trained.

Item 64.—As regards the Reserve of Officers, see the remarks under Item 24. As regards Company Officers, two vacancies have been notified so far (vice Major R. Smith and Captain A. E. Galloway). On the information available at present, it would not appear that as much as £P.320 will be required under this item.

Items 95 *to* 98.—It appears from Appendix C. to the Annual Report of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for 1931 that there are 16 Hotchkiss guns now in the possession of the Force. It is assumed that the new mechanized company is to be armed entirely with Vickers guns; that 10 of the Hotchkiss guns are no longer serviceable, but that in view of the abolition of the Camel Company replacements for 6 only will be required.

Item 99.—See the remarks under Item 61. In view of the reduction in the strength of the Force (Item 35) sufficient rifles are no doubt available for drill purposes. Is it necessary to spend so much as £100 on S.M.L.E. rifles 22 bore?

Item 102.—It is probable that an amount less than £P.8,500 will be paid before the 31st March next on account of the vehicles for mechanization. In this event, the amount required under this item will be correspondingly increased. Inquiry is being made of the Crown Agents for the Colonies as to this.

Head XXXI.

Items 5 *and* 10.—It is assumed that in accordance with sub-paragraph III of paragraph 2 of the High Commissioner's Confidential despatch "A" of the 16th April, 1932,‡ a separate despatch is being sent regarding the provision of married quarters. It is requested that full information giving particulars of the accommodation to be provided, &c., may be supplied.

* C. 97749/32 [No. 6]: not printed. † C. 97735/32 [No. 10]: not printed.
‡ C. 97764/32 [No. 1]: not printed.

Item 11.—It would be convenient if further information were given as to this proposal. It is assumed that it is dependent upon approval being given for the construction of married quarters.

Item 12.—Information is requested as to the need for this additional accommodation. It appears from the High Commissioner's telegram No. 132 of the 18th October, 1932,* that Major Miller is now occupying the house formerly vacated by Captain Northfield. It is not clear that sufficient accommodation will not exist at Zerka when Colonel Shute relinquishes command of the Force.

Colonial Office,
February, 1933.

17807/33 [No. 20].

No. 19.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to THE SECRETARY OF STATE

(Received 7th March, 1933.)

[*Answered by No.* 22.]

(Confidential.)

SIR, High Commissioner's Office,
Jerusalem, 2nd March, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to refer to your Confidential despatch of the 3rd February, 1933,† on the subject of the Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the financial year 1933-34, and to enclose herewith a memorandum containing the information desired by you on the various items of Heads XXIII and XXXI of the draft Palestine Estimates referred to in the memorandum enclosed with your despatch.

I have, &c.,
ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,
High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

Enclosure in No. 19.

MEMORANDUM

Head XXIII.

Item 24. *Reserve of Officers.*—It is expected that the Ordinance will be enacted during the course of the year.

Item 26 *Local Officers Class* 1.—See the High Commissioner's despatch Confidential "A" of the 28th January, 1933.‡

Item 54. *Sanitary Men.*—The assumption that a separate despatch will be sent regarding the provision of married quarters is correct.

It is confirmed that the increase under this heading to seven sanitary men is dependent on approval of the capital works programme for the provision of married quarters for other ranks of the Force.

Item 55. *Reservists.*—The present establishment of other ranks in the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Reserve is:—

4 Sergeants,
4 Corporals, and
142 Privates.

It is inadequate for the purposes assigned to the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Reserve under the General Defence Scheme. The increase of:—

2 Sergeants,
2 Corporals, and
26 Privates

is intended to allow the organization of the Reserve into six Troops with one sergeant and one corporal for each Troop, the additional number being required for the protection of the Power Station of the Palestine Electric Corporation at Jisr-el-Mejameh.

* P.F. 38745 [No. 24]: not printed. † No. 18. ‡ 17735/33 [No. 1]: not printed.

The draft Estimates for 1933-34 as submitted by this Headquarters, based on the above increase, total :—

6 Sergeants,
6 Corporals, and
168 Privates.

Item 60. *Part-time Teachers.*—Owing to the wide dispersion of the Force and the number of units on the strength, it is imperative that provision should be made in the Estimates of 1933-34 for the sum of £P.96—representing the cost of honoraria payable to eight part-time teachers who are required to assist the Educational Officer, in order that the desired results may be achieved.

The eight part-time teachers are required as follows :—

Zerka.

Headquarters' Wing, including Headquarters' Mechanical Transport Troop and Depot—	
Training Cadre	1
1 Squadron Cavalry	1
1 Company Mechanical Infantry	1

Ma'an.

1 Company Mechanical Infantry	1

Jordan Area.

Squadron stationed at Samakh	1
Squadron stationed at Beisan	1
Squadron stationed at Jisr Mejameh	1
Squadron stationed at Rosh-Pina	1

Item 61. 20 *Recruits.*—The assumption that recruits are to be trained at the Depot before being passed into the companies is correct.

It is not intended to retain 20 recruits at the Depot irrespective of the stage reached in training, but to ensure the maintenance of units at their approved establishments at all times.

At least 100 men are discharged from the Force in each year. Since recruits are required to undergo training in the Regimental Depot normally during the first six months of service, it is unlikely that a situation will arise in which all the Companies will be at full strength and all the recruits fully trained.

Experience has shown that the present procedure of enlisting recruits only when vacancies in units have actually occurred, necessitates these units being kept under strength until the recruits have completed their Depot training Moreover, the present system not only results in a loss in the Field of the actual men under strength in a unit, but also tends to lead to recruits being rushed through their preliminary training in order that they may join their units at the earliest possible date. This state of affairs is very unsatisfactory, and would be remedied by the proposal to form a recruit's depot.

Item 64. *Officers' Outfit Allowance.*—When the estimates of the Force were framed it was anticipated that in addition to provision being made for officers' outfit allowances for the 10 Reserve Officers, 4 British Officers would leave the Force on termination of appointment in addition to Major R. Smith and Captain A. E. Galloway.

It is, however, at the present time not possible to state definitely the number of British Officers who will leave the Force during 1933-34, as in some cases it is dependent on officers concerned passing the language test in Arabic.

It is therefore requested that the sum of £P.320 be allowed to stand under this Item.

Items 95-98.—There are 28 Hotchkiss guns in the possession of the Force, of which 16 were shown in Appendix " C " to the Annual Report of the Force for 1931, as actually allotted to the three Cavalry Squadrons and the Camel Company, the remaining 12 being distributed as follows :

4 Ma'an Camp Defence,
4 Zerka Camp Defence, and
4 Drill purposes.

It is confirmed that the new mechanical company will be armed entirely with Vickers guns, that 10 Hotchkiss guns are no longer serviceable for operational purposes and will be withdrawn into reserve for Camp Defence purposes.

It is further confirmed that out of the 28 Hotchkiss guns in the possession of the Force only six are fit for operational purposes, but in view of the abolition of the Camel Company only six Hotchkiss guns will require replacement.

Item 99.—S.M.L.E. Rifles, 22 bore, are required specifically for steadying recruits and are important for their training in the first stages of musketry, before they are issued with the general service rifles.

Item 102.—Noted.

Head XXXI.

Items 5 *and* 10.—Full particulars giving details of estimates and accommodation to be provided will be supplied as soon as possible.

Item 11.—The construction of the school is not dependent on approval being given for the construction of married quarters for other ranks of the Force.

In point of fact the building has already been erected, in the following circumstances :—

In response to a request from the Local Officers of the Force the Officer Commanding advanced the sum of £P.100 from the Regimental Fund for the purpose of constructing this building, and the work is now complete. This amount will be refunded to the Regimental Fund when the draft 1933-34 Estimates are approved.

An agreement has been made amongst the Local Officers, non-commissioned officers and men to provide a school mistress to teach the children and the necessary stationery, books, maps, and other materials for the school. The wages of the school mistress and purchase and maintenance of stationery, and other materials, being met by term fees collected from each married officer, non-commissioned officer, and man for each of his children attending the School, payable in advance.

These fees are *per mensem* :—

	For one child. Mils.	*Two children.* Mils.	*Three or more children.* Mils.
Local Officers	250	400	500
Company Quartermaster-Sergeants, Sergeants, and personnel whose total emoluments are £P.10 and upwards ...	200	350	400
Corporals...	150	250	400
Soldiers	120	200	250

In view of these subscriptions there will be no additional cost to Government for the provision of the school staff, which will be paid as above and will be under the direct supervision of the Educational Officer of the Force.

Item 12 —See the High Commissioner's despatch No. 25 of 2nd February, 1933.*

17807/33 [No. 24].

No. 20.

COLONIAL OFFICE to TREASURY.

[*Answered by No.* 21.]

Downing Street, 27th March, 1933.

SIR,

WITH reference to your letter (No. S. 35961/06/33) of the 15th February,† I am directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, copies of correspondence‡ with the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan on the subject of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Estimates for the year 1933-34. A memorandum which has been prepared in the Colonial Office regarding the various items of the estimates is also enclosed.

2. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister would be glad if Their Lordships would approve the detailed estimates of the Force as shown under Heads XXIII and XXXI of the Palestine printed estimates with the reservations indicated in the enclosed memorandum with regard to Head XXIII, Item 24 (Reserve of Officers), Item 54 (Sanitary Men), and Head XXXI, Items 5 and 10 (Married Quarters), and with the changes under Head XXIII, Items 26, 28, and 52 consequent upon the revised proposals with regard to the establishment and scales of pay of Local Officers.

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* 17807/33 [No. 6] : not printed. † 17807/33 [No. 10]: not printed. ‡ Nos. 18 and 19.

3. I am to add that the High Commissioner has represented that ammunition, provision for which is made under Item 70 of Head XXIII and the guns, &c., provided for under Items 95, 96, and 98-100 of the same Head, are needed as soon as possible in the new financial year and has forwarded indents for the materials required. Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister would accordingly be glad if Their Lordships would approve the Estimates, or at any rate these particular items of the Estimates, at an early date, in order that the indents may be forwarded to the Crown Agents for the Colonies for execution.

I am, &c.,
O. G. R. WILLIAMS

Enclosure 3 in No. 20.

TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE ESTIMATES, 1933-1934.

Head XXIII.

Item 17.—The appointment of Workshops Officer forms part of the scheme for the mechanization of the Camel Company, approval of which was given in Treasury letter No. S. 33494/2 of the 9th April, 1932.*

Item 24. *Reserve of Officers.*—Attention is invited to paragraph 4 of Treasury letter No. S. 35961/06/32 of the 15th March, 1932.† A copy of a despatch‡ from the High Commissioner is appended from which it will be observed that an Ordinance to amend the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Ordinance, 1926, is now under consideration, and that the amending Ordinance will provide for the formation of a reserve of British Officers. No expenditure under this item will be incurred pending the enactment of the Ordinance.

Item 26. *Local Officers.*—In the Treasury letter No. S. 35961/06/32 of the 15th March, 1932, approval was given for the following establishment:—

1 Sagh £P.300—£P 20—£P.400, plus a duty allowance of £P.50.
4 Local Officers, Class I (Kaid), £P.300—£P.20—£P.400.
8 Local Officers, Class II (Rais), £P.264.
9 Local Officers, Class III (Mulazim), £P.216.

Copies of subsequent correspondence§ with the High Commissioner are attached.

The High Commissioner now recommends that the establishment of the Local Officers should be as follows:—

3 Kaid £P.300—£P.20—£P.400, the Senior Kaid drawing a duty allowance of £P.50 a year
7 Rais £P.252—£P.8—£P.300
14 Mulazims £P.208—£P.8—£P.248.

This establishment will include the 22 officers shown under Head XXIII, Item 22, the Educational Officer shown under Item 28. and one of the Grade 2 Clerks shown under Item 52.

The proposals now put forward are regarded as reasonable.

The proposed arrangement with regard to the Regimental Records Officer appears to be unnecessarily cumbersome, and it is suggested that this officer should be given a local commission as Mulazim and should be allowed to retain his present scale of salary. In future he would be shown separately in the estimates as Regimental Records Officer (Mulazim) £P.180—£P.8—£P.276.

Item 54.—See the remarks made under Items 5 and 10 of Head XXXI.

Item 55.—The increase is explained in the enclosure to the High Commissioner's Confidential despatch of the 2nd March.‖ The figures shown in the "Remarks" column of the Estimates should be as follows:—

	£P.
6 Sergeants at £P.18 a year	108
6 Corporals at £P.17 a year	102
168 Privates at £P.16 a year	2,688
	£P.2,898

* C. 97719/32 [No. 14]: not printed. † No. 66 in Middle East No. 45.
‡ C. 97749/32 No. 6: not printed.
§ C. 97735/32 [Nos. 9 and 10] and 17735/33 [No. 1]: not printed. ‖ No. 19.

Item 60.—Provision is made for payment to 8 part-time teachers as against 7 the previous year. In view of the explanation given in the enclosure to the High Commissioner's Confidential despatch of the 2nd March, this addition is considered unobjectionable.

Item 61.—In the light of the information furnished by the High Commissioner the proposal to have a Training Cadre of not more than 20 recruits at the Depot in excess of the establishment of the various units of the Force has the Secretary of State's support. It will be observed that the rate of pay is £P.4,500 mils *per mensem* as against £P.6 *per mensem* for a private.

Items 95-99.—Approval for the expenditure of £P.2,400 on the purchase of Vickers guns (Item 97) was given in the last paragraph of the Treasury letter No. S. 35961/06/33 of the 15th February.* The other expenditure for which provision is made under these items appears to be reasonable.

Item 102.—See paragraph 2 of the Colonial Office letter of the 9th February, 1933.†

Head XXXI.

Items 1-4.—The reasons for this expenditure are given in the "Remarks" column of the Estimates.

Items 5 *and* 10 (*and* 54 *of Head XXIII*). *Provision of Married Quarters.*—Attention is invited to paragraph 2 of the Colonial Office letter of the 31st October, 1932.‡ It will be seen that a further despatch is promised with regard to these items. The High Commissioner will be informed that in the meantime no expenditure on these services should be incurred

Items 7-9.—The need for this expenditure is explained in the "Remarks" column of the Estimates.

Item 11.—Provision is made under this item for the construction of a school for the children of the local personnel of the Force at Zerka. It will be observed from the enclosures to the High Commissioner's despatch of the 2nd March that the school has already been constructed, and that funds for this purpose were advanced from Regimental funds. No recurrent cost to Government funds will be involved, and in the circumstances explained the Secretary of State supports the proposal that the cost of the building should be accepted as a charge against Government funds.

Item 12.—This expenditure has already been approved, see Treasury letter No. S. 35961/06/33 of the 17th February, 1933.§

17807/33 [No. 29].

No 21.

TREASURY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

(S.35961/06/33.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 25th April, 1933.

I AM directed by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury to advert to Treasury letter of the 4th instant (S 35961/06/33)¶ on the subject of the 1933-34 Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.

2. The Estimates for the Force, as shown under Heads XXIII and XXXI of the Palestine Estimates, with the addition referred to in Colonial Office letter of the 9th February,† of a further £1,000 to the provision made for the purchase of vehicles for mechanization, may be summarized as follows:—

	£P.
Recurrent expenditure	184,791
Capital works in Palestine	7,497
Capital works in Trans-Jordan	10,915

3. My Lords now direct me to request you to inform the Secretary of State that, subject to the reservations and amendments referred to in paragraph 2 of Colonial Office letter of the 27th March,¶ My Lords sanction the Estimates on the basis of the above figures.

4. My Lords note that a further despatch is promised regarding the provision for men's married quarters in Palestine (£5,800) and Trans-Jordan (£9,600) and that

* 17807/33 [No. 10]: not printed. † 17807/33 [No. 5]: not printed.
‡ C. 97807/32 [No. 3]: not printed. § 17807/33 [No 11]: not printed.
‖ 17807/33 [No 26]: not printed. ¶ No. 20.

the High Commissioner will be informed that in the meantime no expenditure should be incurred on these services.

5. As regards the provision for Reserve of Officers, My Lords have approved in principle the creation of a Reserve of 10 British Officers (Treasury letter S.36232 of the 15th April, 1931*). They will be glad to be consulted in due course on the details of the scheme.

6. My Lords note that the total strength of the Force is shown as 932 in 1933-34 as compared with 950 in 1932-33 and 939 in 1931-32. In this connexion They will be glad to be informed of the effect on strength and on expenditure generally of the introduction of a measure of mechanization. From his despatch of the 27th February, 1932,† a copy of which was enclosed with Colonial Office letter of the 12th March, 1932,‡ it appeared that the High Commissioner anticipated that the mechanization of the Camel Company would effect a small saving during 1932 and an annual saving of about £3,300 in future years. My Lords will be glad to learn whether these savings are in fact being realized.

I am, &c.,
R. V. NIND HOPKINS.

17807/33 [No. 30].

No. 22.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

[*Answered by No.* 23.]

(Confidential.)

SIR, Downing Street, 5th May, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your Confidential despatch of the 2nd of March,§ supplying the information asked for in my Confidential despatch of the 3rd of February,‖ in regard to certain items of the draft Estimates relating to the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and to inform you that subject to the reservations and amendments which follow I now approve the Estimates for the Force as submitted under Heads XXIII and XXXI of the draft Palestine Estimates for 1933-34.

2. With reference to Item 24 of Head XXIII, I note that it is expected that the Ordinance under which provision will be made for the formation of a Reserve of Officers will be enacted this year. You will, no doubt, submit to me details of the scheme in due course as requested in Lord Passfield's Confidential despatch of the 30th of April, 1931.¶ Until this has been done and the Ordinance has been enacted no expenditure under this item should be incurred.

3. With regard to Head XXIII, Item 54, and Head XXXI, Items 5 and 10, your proposals for the provision of men's married quarters and the consequent necessary increase in the number of sanitary men have been set out in your Confidential despatch of the 11th of March.** These proposals are at present under consideration and I will address you with regard to them as soon as possible. In the meantime no expenditure should be incurred on these services in excess of an amount under Item 54 of Head XXIII for sanitary men similar to the provision which appeared in the Estimate for last year.

4. The provision under Head XXIII, Items 26, 28, and 52 will require amendment in the light of the revised proposals for the establishment of local officers in the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force which have formed the subject of correspondence ending with your despatch Confidential "A" of the 28th of January.†† In that despatch you proposed a revised establishment as follows :—

3 Kaids, £P.300—20—400, the Senior Kaid to draw a duty allowance of £P.50 a year.
7 Rais, £P.252—8—300.
14 Mulazims, £P.208—8—248.

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* C. 89495/31 [No. 3]: not printed. † C. 97719/32 [No. 9]: not printed.
‡ C. 97719/32 [No. 11]: not printed. § No. 19. ‖ No. 18.
¶ C. 89495/31 [No. 4]: not printed. ** 17823/33 [No. 1]: not printed.
‡‡ 17735/33 [No. 1]: not printed.

I now approve this revised establishment and also the proposal in paragraph 3 of that despatch. With regard to the fourth paragraph I suggest that it would be preferable that the clerk in charge of the Regimental Records should be given a distinct title as Regimental Records Officer, that he should retain his present scale of salary, £P.180—8—276, and that he should be given a local commission as Mulazim and shown separately in Estimates as :—

Regimental Records Officer (Mulazim), £P.180—8—276.

5. The provision under Item 102 of Head XXIII has been increased by £P 1,000 to £P.2,700 for the reasons explained in the second paragraph of the letter from this Department to the Treasury of the 9th of February, 1933,* of which a copy was enclosed in my Confidential despatch of the 7th of March last.† In consequence the Estimates for the Force will stand as follows :—

	£P.
Recurrent Expenditure...	184,791
Capital Works in Palestine	7,497
,, ,, Trans-Jordan	10,915
	£P.203,203

Of this sum the amount which falls to be met by His Majesty's Government is £149,508 and as you are already aware provision has been made for a grant-in-aid of £149,000.

6. In this connexion you will have learnt from my despatch No. 61 of the 21st of April‡ that the amount actually paid at 31st March, 1933 (viz., £6,095 4s. 6d.) in respect of the vehicles for the Mechanized Company of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force has fallen short of the estimated amount mentioned in my telegram No. 17 of the 9th of February§ by £1,226 15s 6d. This will involve a higher charge for this service against the current Estimates and the amount provided therein will be insufficient by £1,156 15s. 6d. if the estimated total cost of the vehicles (£9,952) is realized. It will be necessary, therefore, to effect savings on some other head to meet this deficiency.

7. Advance approval was obtained from the Treasury for the items of expenditure set out in your Confidential despatch of the 24th of February,‖ and a letter addressed to the Crown Agents for the Colonies on the 10th April¶ authorizing them to comply with the requisitions. I still await the indent for Workshop tools and equipment.

8. I would invite your attention to the remarks of the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury in the third paragraph of their letter of the 15th February,** a copy of which was enclosed in my Confidential despatch of the 7th of March.† The delay on this occasion was occasioned by the need for awaiting a reply to my Confidential despatch of the 3rd of February.†† In previous years a separate despatch has been addressed to the Secretary of State commenting in detail upon the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Heads of the Estimates, and as it is desirable that as detailed information as possible on changes in the Estimates should be available when they are submitted to the Treasury, I shall be glad if the previous practice of sending a separate despatch dealing with the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Heads may be resumed.

9. The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have observed that the total strength of the Force is shown as 932 in 1933-34 as compared with 950 in 1932-33 and 939 in 1931-32, and in this connexion they ask to be informed of the effect on strength and on expenditure generally of the introduction of a measure of mechanization. From your despatch Secret B. of the 27th of February, 1932,‡‡ it appears that the mechanization of the Camel Company should result in an annual saving on the total cost of the Force. The Lords Commissioners of the Treasury have inquired whether these savings are in fact being realized. I shall be glad of your observations on this point, with as precise an estimate as possible of anticipated savings in order that I may be in a position to reply to the Treasury inquiry.

I have, &c.,
P CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

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* 17807/33 [No. 5]: not printed. † 17807/33 [No. 17]: not printed.
‡ 17748/33 [No. 8]: not printed. § 17748/33 [No. 3]: not printed.
‖ 17807/33 [No. 19]: not printed. ¶ 17807/33 [No. 27]: not printed.
** 17807/33 [No. 10]: not printed. †† No. 18. ‡‡ C. 97719/32 [No. 9]: not printed.

17807/33 [No. 37].

No. 23.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 8th January, 1934.)

(Confidential.)

SIR, High Commissioner's Office, Jerusalem, 31st December, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to refer to your Confidential despatch of the 5th May, 1933,* conveying approval of the Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the financial year 1933-34, and to submit hereunder my observations on various matters dealt with therein.

2. With regard to the Reserve of Officers I invite attention to my Confidential despatch of the 24th April, 1933,† enclosing a draft of a consolidating Frontier Force Ordinance, Part V of which comprises detailed provisions for the formation of a Reserve of both officers and men. I have at present under consideration a recent suggestion of the Officer Commanding, Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, that if an Officer of the Reserve or a Reservist should be disabled during mobilization he should be eligible for grant of pension or gratuity and that if he should die as the result of an injury contracted in the discharge of his duty it should be lawful to grant a pension or gratuity to his dependents. I shall address you further on this question as soon as possible.

3. I agree that the clerk in charge of the Regimental records should be given the title of Regimental Records Officer and should be granted a local commission as Mulazim, retaining his present scale of salary, namely, £P. 180- -8—276. This change, together with the revised establishment of local officers, has been incorporated in the approved Estimates for the current financial year.

4. With reference to paragraph 6 of your despatch, I note that the provision under Head XXVII, Item 102, Purchase of Vehicles for Mechanization, will fall short by £1,156 15s. 6d. if the estimated total cost of the new vehicles is realized. This excess will be covered by savings under Item 93, Replacement of Mechanical Vehicles, where £P. 1,000 has been saved through cancellation of the order for a new Crossley Tender, and under the different Items of Personal Emoluments, where approximately £P.2,000 will be available as a result of a number of vacancies in the establishment.

5. The indent for workshop tools and equipment was sent to you under cover of my Confidential despatch of the 6th May, 1933.‡

6 With reference to the eighth paragraph of your despatch, I note that a separate despatch should be addressed to you commenting in detail on the Heads of the Palestine Estimates which relate to the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force. This practice has been resumed in connexion with the Estimates for the financial year 1934-35.

7. I now turn to the question of the effect of mechanization on the strength of the Frontier Force and on expenditure generally, to which reference is made in paragraph 9 of your despatch.

I annex hereto two schedules of Items in the current year's Estimates which have been affected by the measure of mechanization which has been carried out this year. From these it will be seen that the mechanization of the Camel Company has resulted in a saving of £P. 4,149 from recurrent expenditure in the present financial year, and an increase of only £P. 2,585 in special expenditure.

The effect of the mechanization on the strength of the Force has been a decrease of fifty-seven Privates and an increase of one Officer, four Mechanics, and fifteen Drivers

I have, &c.,
A. G. WAUCHOPE,
High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

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* No. 22. † 17749/33 [No. 2]: not printed. ‡ 17726/33 [No. 1]: not printed.

Enclosure 1 in No. 23.

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES AND DECREASES IN RECURRENT EXPENDITURE OF THE TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE MECHANIZATION OF THE CAMEL COMPANY.

Item No.		*Service.*	*Estimates 1933-34. Provision.* £P	*Estimates 1932-33. Provision.* £P	*Difference due to mechanization. Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.
17	1	Workshop's Officer	600	—	600	—
35	679	Privates	48,888	52,992	—	4,104
37		Tradesmen's pay	2,550	2,250	300	—
39	3	Corporal Mechanics	540	360	180	—
40-43		Drivers	5,628	4,176	1,452	—
44-48		Mechanics and Electricians (including one promotion from £P.12 to £P.15 a month).	1,764	1,296	468	—
50	1	Painter M.T.	120	—	120	—
65		Cost-of-living allowances	1,178	1,060	30(*a*)	—
70		Maintenance of mechanical transport	10,800	9,400	1,400	—
71		Arms, equipment, uniform and clothing	9,500	11,000	—	1,500
74		Horseshoes and stable requisites ...	1,400	2,100	—	700
75		Forage	10,500	12,600	—	2,100
78		Furniture and barrack stores... ...	750	800	—	50
80		Miscellaneous stores	500	570	—	70
82		Medical services	1,000	1,200	—	200
83		Veterinary services	150	175	—	25
87		Crown Agents' expenses	350	300	50	—
		Total ...			4,600	8,749

Net decrease—
Current Expenditure £P.4,149

(*a*) The remaining increase in cost of living allowance is due to causes other than mechanization.

Enclosure 2 in No. 23.

SCHEDULE OF INCREASES AND DECREASES IN SPECIAL EXPENDITURE OF THE TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE MECHANIZATION OF THE CAMEL COMPANY.

Item No.	*Service.*	*Estimates 1933-34. Provision.* £P.	*Estimates 1932-33. Provision.* £P.	*Difference due to mechanization. Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.
99	Purchase of 8 Vickers guns	2,400	—	2,400	—
102	Purchase of workshop tools and plant	185	—	185	—
	Total ...			2,585	—

Net increase—
Special Expenditure £P.2,585

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3. TRANS-JORDAN ADMINISTRATION (GRANT-IN-AID).

C. 97806/32 [No. 1].

No. 24.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 5.40 p.m., 11th October, 1932.)

TELEGRAM.

[*Answered by No.* 25.]

No. 132. TREASURY require submission of estimates for 1933 by 31st of October. Please telegraph by 25th of October :—

(*a*) Total estimated expenditure on Trans-Jordan Frontier Force for the year ending 31st March, 1934. Estimate should show (1) recurrent expenditure, (2) capital works services in Palestine, (3) capital works services in Trans-Jordan.

(*b*) Total estimated revenue and expenditure of Trans-Jordan Administration for period 1st April, 1933, to 31st March, 1934, and estimated surplus balance as at 31st March. 1933.

Detailed estimates should follow by mail as soon as possible.—CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

C. 97806/32 [No. 2].

No. 25.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 10.15 a.m., 26th October, 1932.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 141. 26TH OCTOBER. Your telegram No. 132.* Trans-Jordan Administration Estimates 1933-34. Revenue £P.248,100, expenditure ordinary £P.313,400, extraordinary £P.19,950, surplus balance at March, 1933, £P.4,000. Revenue estimates are based on existing taxation and on assumption that no remissions will be necessary. If Land Tax and Income Tax Laws are introduced by the 1st April, 1933, it is estimated that revenue will be increased by £P.5,000 and £P.4,000 respectively. I am satisfied that ordinary expenditure provides only for maintenance of existing services. Increase over the current year includes approximately £P.3,700 for increments, for additional staff whose appointments began in the second half of the current year and for fourth British officer for the Arab Legion. Extraordinary expenditure includes cars for Desert Patrol and arms for the Legion £P.3,870; write off of irrecoverable unsecured loans issued 1931-32 £P.2,650; telegraph line to the Palestine Frontier for public security purposes £P.1,900. As regards Trans-Jordan Frontier Force see my telegram No. 142.†

* No. 24.

† C. 97807/32 [No. 2] : not printed.

C. 97806/32 [No. 3].

No. 26.

COLONIAL OFFICE to TREASURY.

[*Answered by No.* 27.]

SIR, Downing Street, 1st November, 1932.

I AM directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, the accompanying copy of telegraphic correspondence* with the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan on the subject of the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration of 1933-34.

2. Their Lordships will observe that, allowing for a normal working balance at 31st March, 1933, of £P.4,000, a deficit of £P.85,250 is arrived at as follows :—

	£P.
Expenditure.	
Ordinary	313,400
Extraordinary	19,950
	333,350
Revenue	248,100
Deficit	£P. 85,250

3. The High Commissioner states that he is satisfied that the ordinary expenditure provides only for the maintenance of existing services, and that the increase over the current financial year includes approximately £P.3,700 for increments, for additional staff whose appointments began only in the second half of the current year, and for a further British officer for the Arab Legion, which appointment has recently been sanctioned by Their Lordships.

4. The extraordinary expenditure includes cost of :—

	£P.
(*a*) cars for the desert patrol and arms for the Arab Legion to the value of	3,870
(*b*) write off of irrecoverable unsecured loans, issued in 1931-32 ... and	2,650
(*c*) telegraph line to the Palestine frontier for public security purposes	1,900

5. Pending further information it is not clear that any provision for (*b*) should be made in next year's Estimates. Such provision in 1933 would only be necessary in the event of the loans being charged to a suspense account and not to final expenditure—either in 1931 or 1932; and, as the accounts of the Trans-Jordan Administration for 1931-32 have not yet been received, it is not possible to state definitely how these loans were treated. On the assumption, however, that they have remained in suspense and that it will be necessary to charge them to final expenditure in 1933, the provision made by the High Commissioner has not been deleted.

6. As regards revenue, the High Commissioner states that the estimate is based on existing taxation and on the assumption that no remissions of taxation will be necessary. It would appear, judging from experience in the past, to be unduly optimistic to make no allowance in the estimate of revenue for remissions of taxation. On the other hand the High Commissioner states that, if the land tax and income tax laws are introduced by the 1st April, 1933, it is estimated that the revenue will be increased by £P.5,000 and £P.4,000 respectively. The Secretary of State considers that there is some likelihood of difficulty, both political and constitutional, being experienced over new taxation in Trans-Jordan, and, pending receipt of detailed estimates, he does not consider that it would be wise at this stage to budget for a higher revenue than the figure given by the High Commissioner, namely £P.248,100.

7. As regards the surplus balance at 31st March, 1933, of £P.4,000, I am to observe that in a despatch dated the 24th September† the High Commissioner stated

* Nos. 24 and 25.

† No. 97 in Middle East No. 45.

that the Legislative Council had certain proposals under consideration which might reduce this balance by £P.1,200.

8. Pending receipt of further details, the sum of £P.85,250 has been inserted as a provisional figure for the contribution to the Trans-Jordan Administration (grant-in-aid) in the Vote for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services for 1933.

I am, &c.,
O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

C. 97806/32 [No. 4].

No 27.

TREASURY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

[*Answered by No.* 30.]

(S. 35961/01/33.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 15th November, 1932.

I HAVE laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams's letter of the 1st instant,* on the subject of the amount to be provided in the 1933 Estimate for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services as a grant-in-aid to the Trans-Jordan Administration, and They direct me to request you to convey to the Secretary of State the following reply.

My Lords learn with concern that a recent telegram from the High Commissioner foreshadows a deficit of over £85,000 on the 1933-34 Budget for the Trans-Jordan Administration. This sum is considerably in excess of the grant-in-aid authorized for the current year, and greatly in excess of the amount contemplated by the Financial Commissioners in their Report of July, 1931. It appears to Their Lordships that if the revenues of Trans-Jordan are not capable of supporting a system of Administration on the present scale without a subvention of the magnitude proposed from the United Kingdom Exchequer a severe curtailment of services will be inevitable.

In order that the position may be examined in detail and full consideration given to the question of reducing the deficit My Lords desire that the High Commissioner should be requested so to expedite the submission of the draft Estimates that they reach this Department in any event not later than the 31st December. In this connexion I am to refer to the inconvenience caused last year by the failure to submit the Estimates before the date on which it was necessary to fix the amount of the grant-in-aid. In the absence of detailed Estimates My Lords will be obliged to limit provision in the Colonial and Middle Eastern Services Estimate to the amount which appears to be required on a minimum scale for the continuation only of essential services. On present information Their Lordships cannot agree to the insertion of the figure of £85,250.

I am, &c.,
E. J. STRUTHMENGER.

C. 97806/32 [No. 7].

No. 28.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 27th December, 1932.)

[*Answered by No.* 31.]

(No 220.)

SIR, High Commissioner's Office, Jerusalem, 17th December, 1932.

I HAVE the honour to refer to your telegram No. 161 of the 22nd November, 1932,† and to send herewith copies of the Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Administration

* No. 26. † C. 97806/32 [No. 5]: not printed.

for the financial year 1933-34 as approved by the Executive Council, together with copies of a memorandum prepared by the Financial Adviser and of an explanatory letter, No. 4217 of the 14th December, from the British Resident.

2. I agree with the British Resident that the proposed provisions for a further secondary class and for boarding accommodation at the Es Salt Secondary school are unwarranted, and I recommend that Items 36 to 40, and 46, of Head XII, and Item 16 of Head XXIV, should be deleted.

In this connexion I would point out that provision is being made annually for the training of five boys at the American University at Beirut, three boys at the Kadoorie school, Tulkarm, and two girls at the Women's Elementary Training College, Jerusalem.

3 I have the following comments to add on the four services to which the British Resident proposes, in the fourth paragraph of his letter, that the greater part of the savings realized by these deletions should be devoted :—

(1) *Field Allowances, Department of Lands.*—I agree that provision should be made for the payment of Field Allowances as hitherto.

(2) *Additional British Officer, Arab Legion.*—This is the fourth British Officer whose appointment was approved in your telegram No. 112 of the 6th September, 1932.* The amount which must be provided is £P.550.

(3) *Construction of Rum Fort.*—I consider it most desirable that this fort should be built. The Police post is situated in a deserted area difficult of access, and at present is accommodated in tents in all weathers. I dealt with this matter in my despatch No. 90 of the 12th May, 1932.†

(4) *Agricultural Instruction of two schoolmasters.*—I consider it important that whatever is possible should be done to increase agricultural instruction. The British Resident explains that this provision was omitted from the Estimates only by inadvertence.

I consider that these items are of greater urgency than the provision of additional masters for Primary Schools, to which reference is made by the British Resident.

4. I am in agreement with the views of the British Resident as to the desirability of retaining Ford Cars, and not Commers, in the Arab Legion.

5. The following further explanations are given on points of detail :—

Revenue. Head III, Item 14.—The increase is due to a decision of the Trans-Jordan Government this year to the effect that for the purpose of pension the rural Police should be dealt with under the Military Pension Law, and not the Civil Service Pension Law.

Expenditure. Head IX, Item 22.—This increase is due to the decision of the Trans-Jordan Government that the fee payable to animal tax collectors, previously fixed at 2 per cent. of collections, should be increased to 15 per cent. in respect of collections of the tax on camels. The increase was adopted in the current year, on account of the greater difficulty in enumerating and collecting the tax in respect of scattered herds of camels at great distances from the settled areas.

Head XI, Item 15.—The nurse is to be appointed at the incremental stage of £P.7 a month as it has been found impossible to obtain the services of a satisfactory nurse at a lower salary.

Head XXVI, Item 1.—This provision is to complete the re-arming of the Arab Legion with British rifles and ammunition, and is distinct from the normal replacements of ammunition provided for under Head XVIII A, Item 79.

6. The general position is summarized in the sixth paragraph of the British Resident's letter. If the draft Estimates, as modified by the foregoing suggestions, are accepted, it will be necessary to provide a grant-in-aid of the Trans-Jordan Administration of £P.81,434. The Estimates have been prepared with great care and I hope that it will be possible to provide a grant in this amount.

With regard to the remarks of the Financial Adviser, on pages 12, 13, and 20 of his memorandum, as to the cost of the Department of Police and Prisons, I wish to emphasize that, though this is the service in which the Trans-Jordan Government would

* C. 97790/32 [No. 11]: not printed. † C. 97738 [No. 30]: not printed.

seek to effect reductions, if the full amount of assistance requested cannot be sanctioned, I am strongly opposed to any reduction under this Head which would nullify the efforts which are being made to build up an effective system of public security the effects of which are now beginning to be noticeable.

I have, &c.,
ARTHUR WAUCHOPE,
High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

Enclosure in No. 28.

(No. 4217.)

YOUR EXCELLENCY, 14th December, 1932.

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the following statements relating to the draft Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Administration with a covering memorandum by the Financial Adviser :—

(A) An Abstract Statement of Estimated Revenue.

(B) An Abstract Statement of Estimated Expenditure.

(C) A Summary showing the Estimated Surplus at the 31st March, 1934.

(D) A Statement of the Assets and Liabilities of the Trans-Jordan Administration as at 31st March, 1932.

(E) Detailed Schedules of the estimated Revenue and Expenditure.

2. The estimated expenditure amounts to £P.364,395 and the estimated revenue, excluding the grant-in-aid to the Trans-Jordan Administration, to £P.281,895, leaving a deficit of £P.82,500.

Your Excellency will observe from Enclosure " C " that the estimated surplus at 31st March, 1933, is £P.4,000 and that if this surplus is to be maintained at the 31st March, 1934, to provide the Trans-Jordan Administration with a working balance at the beginning of 1934-35, a grant-in-aid from His Majesty's Government of £P.82,500 will be required, subject to the recommendations contained in the latter part of this letter.

3 These draft Estimates have been submitted to me by the Financial Adviser in the form in which they were passed by the Executive Council. The reasons for the various changes as compared with the approved Estimates for 1932-33 are fully explained in the Financial Adviser's covering memorandum. Your Excellency will observe that in the section of the memorandum dealing with the details of the Estimates of Expenditure, the Financial Adviser comments on certain changes introduced by the Executive Council which involve questions of principle and I submit the following recommendations in regard to these questions. I have nothing to add to the Financial Adviser's comments on the revenue position, with which I am in agreement.

4. The Financial Adviser has pointed out in his memorandum, under the heading General Remarks, that an additional sum of £P.4,208 has been provided under expenditure for new services and suggests that an immediate reduction might be made in expenditure by excluding these new services.

I consider that the expenditure provided by the Executive Council in Items 36 to 40 and in Item 46 of Head XII, Education, and in Head XXIV, Item 16, amounting to a total of £P.3,030, for providing boarding accommodation in Es Salt Secondary school and for creating a fifth secondary class in that school should not be allowed to stand. The school at Salt has four secondary classes whilst those in Amman, Kerak, and Irbid each have two, and I am convinced that if any further allotments are to be made to the Department of Education the money must be spent, before anything else, in adding masters to the primary schools, which are badly understaffed. This, indeed, is the opinion of His Highness the Amir and is a view which the Executive Council would readily uphold were they not afraid of the Legislative Council.

The remaining additional expenditure on new services amounts to £P.1,178 only, of which £P.156 is for the new hospital at Irbid and the balance for a very modest programme designed to improve agricultural instruction and facilities. I regard these as most important and trust that they may be sanctioned.

From the £P.3,030 which will be withheld from the Es Salt Secondary school I strongly recommend that the following should be provided :—

(1) *Head XVII, Department of Lands; Item* 16, *Field Allowance*—£P.550.—This allowance has been payable since the Department was first formed and to remove it would be a great hardship and would cause considerable discontent. It is an allowance which is paid in Palestine and, I believe, in other countries. Its abolition would really cause little saving, since travelling allowance would then become payable in many cases where it is now avoided.

(2) *Head XVIII (A)—Police—Additional British Officer*—£P.450.—The Secretary of State has already, on Your Excellency's recommendation, decided that this appointment is necessary.

(3) *Head XXIV, Public Works Extraordinary—Fort at Rum*—£P.1,800.—Your Excellency has decided to uphold my recommendation that, in the interests of public security, the erection of this fort is a matter of urgency. It was originally intended that the building should be spread over several years, but this procedure should not be followed since the total cost would thus be considerably increased. The sum provided will enable the building to be completed in 1933-34.

(4) *Head XII, Education.*—Item 53 should be inserted providing a sum of £P.144 for the cost of giving two primary schoolmasters a year's instruction in agriculture at the Kadoorie school. Your Excellency has decided that this should be done, but the Executive Council have failed, inadvertently, to make the necessary provision.

5 Your Excellency will perceive, *vide* the remarks of the Financial Adviser's memorandum on Head XXVI, that no provision has been made in the sum of £P.2,750 for replacing the worn-out vehicles of the Desert Patrol with Commer cars, but that if the replacement is made with Ford cars the expenditure will be £P 1,080 less than that now provided.

Both the Officer Commanding the Royal Air Force Station, Amman, and the Officer Commanding the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, who conducted the car trials last summer, are of opinion that the Ford is the more suitable car. The new Ford chassis can be purchased from Dagenham, and I strongly recommend that this type be decided upon

6. In Your Excellency's telegram No. 141 of the 26th October, 1932, it was anticipated that the grant-in-aid required would amount to £P.85,250. The situation, now disclosed, is better since the grant-in-aid asked for is reduced to £P.82,500 and this figure may be reduced by a further £P.1,166 to £P.81,334 if my above proposals in regard to the Salt school and Ford cars are accepted.

It is regretted that the unfavourable revenue position has made it necessary to ask for a grant-in-aid in excess of that of the current year, but it should be remembered that the grant of 1932-33 was only reduced to £P.72,000 by reducing every service to the absolute minimum and that expenditure in 1933-34 is only in excess of that minimum by £P.5,381 or £P.4,301 if Ford cars be purchased for the Desert Patrol.

No considerable decrease can be made in the grant-in-aid without sacrificing the present standard of administration.

I have, &c.,
C. H. F. Cox,
British Resident.

His Excellency
The High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan,
Jerusalem.

MEMORANDUM ON THE ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE TRANS-JORDAN ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1933-34.

REVENUE.

Head I.—Customs and Excise.

Sub-head 1. *Customs Share, Syria.*—Estimate £P.1,500 as compared with £P.4,000 for 1932-33.—The export trade from Syria to Trans-Jordan, which has been steadily decreasing in recent years, is now negligible and there is no prospect of increased revenue from this source. The bulk of this trade has been diverted to

Palestine and application has been made to His Excellency the High Commissioner for a revision of the share of Palestine Customs paid to Trans-Jordan. This question is under discussion.

Sub-head 2. *Customs Share, Palestine.*—The estimated receipts are the same as those for 1932-33 and are based on the existing agreement between Palestine and Trans-Jordan. Reference has been made above to the negotiations which are being conducted for the increase of the payment made by Palestine on this account, but it is considered that until such time as a definite decision has been given, it would be unwise to increase the estimate for 1933-34.

Sub-head 3. *Import Duty Collected Locally.*—Estimate £P.21,950 as compared with £P.21,000 for 1932-33. The increase of £P.950 in the estimate for 1933-34 is justified by current receipts.

Sub-head 4. *Excise Duty on Tobacco.*—Estimate £P.9,000 as compared with £P.8,000 for 1932-33. The increased estimate for 1933-34 is based on the actual receipts of the current year.

Other Increases.—Sub-heads 4, 8, and 9 are based on actual receipts during the current year.

Head II.—Licences, Taxes, &c.

Sub-head 2. *Licences, Vehicle.*—Estimate £P.1,000 as compared with £P.550 for 1932-33. The estimated increase is on account of vehicles operated in Trans-Jordan by the 'Iraq Petroleum Company in connexion with their pipe line to 'Iraq.

Sub-head 8. *Taxes, Animal.*—Estimate £P.35,500 as compared with £P.38,000 for 1932-33. Losses of livestock in Trans-Jordan during the past twelve months have already been referred to in previous communications and reference is particularly invited to the British Resident's letter to His Excellency the High Commissioner dated the 10th of November, 1932, submitting a forecast of the actual receipts for 1932-33 in which the estimated receipts from Animal Tax were reduced to £P.34,000. It is hoped that there will be some improvement in 1933-34, and on this assumption an increase of £P.1,500 over the anticipated collections for the current year, has been inserted.

Sub-heads 9, *House and Land Tax;* 11, *Road Tax;* and 12, *Tithes together with the new Sub-head* 17 *Consolidated Tax.*—In order that the position may be clearly understood, should be considered *en bloc.*

In paragraph 9 of the British Resident's letter to His Excellency the High Commissioner dated the 18th May, 1932, and in the British Resident's letter dated the 10th of November, 1932, it has already been explained that the House and Land Tax, Road Tax, and Tithe in the Kada of Kerak and in the Beni-Hassan Tribal Lands have been unified to enable the Government to effect a more equitable distribution of taxes This unified or consolidated tax does not involve any increase in taxation.

In 1932-33 the original estimate of receipts under House and Land Tax, Tithe, and Road Tax amounted to £P.77,150 and in the forecast submitted under the British Resident's letter of the 10th November, 1932, the estimated receipts from those three taxes and the new Consolidated Tax, were given as £P.73,150.

The estimated receipts for 1933-34 amount to £P.77,650 which is the amount which the Government may reasonably expect to collect, provided that extensive failure of crops does not necessitate remissions of taxation on the same scale as in 1931-32 and 1932-33. At the present time it is not possible to forecast the condition of the 1933 harvest, and it will not be possible to do so until May, 1933.

Sub-head 10. *Temettu Tax* —Shows an estimate of £P.4,500 as compared with £P.4,200 for 1932-33. The increase will accrue from the Temettu tax payable by the employees of the 'Iraq Petroleum Company.

Sub-heads 13, *Revenue Stamp Duty;* 14, *Hijaz Stamp Duty; and* 15, *Fines and Forfeitures.*—Have been reduced on the basis of current receipts for 1932-33.

Head III.—Fees of Court or Office, &c.

Sub-head 4. *Notary Public Fees.*—Estimate £P.1,200 as compared with £P.1,650 for 1932-33, showing a decrease of £P.450, which is based on current receipts. Receipts from this course are declining, and the Treasurer has invited the attention of His Excellency the Chief Minister to this fact with the suggestion that

the Ministry of Justice should be asked to examine the question. The actual receipts for the past five years were as follows :—

	£P.
1927-28	1,877
1928-29	1,687
1929-30	1,680
1930-31	1,592
1931-32	1,317

Sub-head 10. *Veterinary and Animal Quarantine Fees.*—Estimate £P.1,450 as compared with £1,600 for 1932-33. Receipts under the sub-head have been adversely affected by the cessation of trade with the Hijaz-Nejd and the necessity which has arisen in recent years for the temporary closing of the Syrian or Palestinian boundaries to livestock, owing to epidemic diseases.

Sub-head 12. *Sale of Publication and Maps.*—Estimate £P.200 as compared with £P.400 for 1932-33.

The estimate for 1932-33 was based on anticipated sales of maps of village lands, but it has since become apparent that the interest in and the demand for such maps is less than the Government anticipated.

Sub-head 16. *Registration of Trade Marks.*—Estimate £P.300 as compared with £P.550 for 1932-33. Applications for registration are being received in smaller numbers than heretofore, presumably owing to the fact that many firms are abstaining from expenditure on this service until such time as trade conditions improve.

Head IV.—Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones.

Sub-Head 1. *Sale of Stamps.*—Estimate £P.3,000 as compared with £P.7,000 for 1932-33.

The introduction of a pictorial issue of Trans-Jordan postage stamps is estimated to bring in £P.4,000 non-recurrent revenue in 1932-33 from sales to dealers and collectors. This revenue will not be available in 1933-34.

Sub-head 8. *Trans-desert Mail Transit Charges.*—The institution of the Trans-desert motor mail from Palestine to 'Iraq through Trans-Jordan will entitle Trans-Jordan to transit dues on the mail passing through her territory, and the receipts from this source are estimated by the Postmaster-General at £1,500.

Other Changes.—Increases and decreases under other sub-heads have been made on the basis of the current year's receipts.

Head V.—Revenue from Government Property.

No change has been made in the estimated receipts under this head. The general remarks on the subject of the 1933 harvest which have been made in connexion with Sub-heads 9, 11, 12, 17, of Head 11, are also applicable to Head V, Sub-heads 1 and 2.

Head VI.—Interest.

Sub-head 1. *Bank Balances.*—The provision under this sub-head is a conservative one based on the present year's receipts.

Sub-heads 2, *Earthquake Relief Loans;* 3, *Interest on advances to Agricultural Bank;* 4, *Agricultural Loans.*—Are based on the actual interest which will be due on those accounts during 1933-34

Sub-head 5. *Interest on deposits with Joint Colonial Fund.*—Is based on the receipts for the current year.

Head VII.—Miscellaneous Receipts.

The estimated receipts under this head are based on the actual receipts for the current year.

Head VIII.—Sale of State Domains.

The estimate under this head does not call for comment.

Head IX.—Grant-in-Aid Trans-Jordan Government.

Attention is invited to the " General Remarks " at the end of this memorandum, under which the question of the increase in the grant-in-aid is referred to.

Head X.—Grant-in-Aid Trans-Jordan Frontier Force.

The estimate inserted under this head is equivalent to one-sixth of the total expenditure estimates of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force as communicated by the Treasurer, Palestine Government. Corresponding provision appears under expenditure Heads XXIII and XXX.

EXPENDITURE.

The Estimates of Expenditure are submitted in the form in which they have been passed by the Executive Council and the following explanation and comments are submitted in relation to the increases and other changes which could not be adequately explained in the marginal notes inserted under " Remarks " in the detailed schedules of expenditure.

Head III.—Legislature.

Under Item 5 the provision for transport and travelling has been increased by £P.60. The necessity for this increase arises out of the fact that owing to extraordinary sessions of the Legislative Council, expenditure on transport is incurred, which cannot be met within the existing provision of £P.120.

Head IV.—Pensions and Gratuities.

Increased provision to the extent of £P.500 has been made partly on account of normal awards of new pensions, but principally to meet a payment due in respect of an award of arrears of Mazulia (discharge pay) to a certain officer in respect of a period of years from 1923. Unless an unusual number of new pensions are awarded during 1933-34, it should be possible to effect a reduction of the provision for this service in 1934-35.

Head VII.—Ministry of Justice.

Under Item 19, provision has been made for an additional clerk at £P.6—½—8 *per mensem* on the staff of the Attorney-General. The Judicial Adviser is satisfied that the work of the Attorney-General's office cannot be carried on satisfactorily by the existing staff of one clerk.

The provision for transport and travelling under Item 41 has been increased by £P.350 in anticipation of a considerable increase in expenditure on the regular inspection of the District and Magistrates' Courts. Acting on the advice of the Judicial Adviser, the Minister of Justice proposes to appoint one of his officers as Inspector of Courts and under the instructions issued on this subject the Inspector will be travelling almost continuously.

Head IX.—Ministry of Finance.

Under Item 14 provision has been made for a revenue collector for three months at £P.7 *per mensem* to collect the fees leviable at the Zerka Ma'een thermal baths which are collectable under a special law dated the 15th of August, 1926 (Seton, Legislation of Trans-Jordan, page 607). When this law was enacted it was the intention of the Government to open a carriage and motor road from Madeba to the baths, but it was not until the present year that the road could be constructed and in the meantime the law has not been enforced. Now that the projected road is approaching completion the Government proposes to collect the fees prescribed in the law during the coming year. The season during which the baths are used by the public lasts for three months only.

Head XI.—Public Health Department.

Under Item 5, provision has been made for a storekeeper at £P.6—½—8 *per mensem*. Under the present arrangement the Government Dispenser (Item 9) is also the storekeeper of the department. It is not, however, possible for this officer to carry out the duties of these two posts satisfactorily and the appointment of a storekeeper should improve the efficiency of the Department.

Under Items 15 to 18 provision has been made for the personnel for a new hospital at Irbid which the Director of Health wishes to open on the 1st of September, 1933. In the approved estimates for 1931-32 provision for this hospital was sanctioned, but the execution of this project was postponed by the Government owing to the urgent need for economy arising from the remission of approximately £P.12,000 of the taxes for that year. In 1932-33 the provision for this service was deleted from

the revised estimates which were submitted under the Secretary of State's instructions that the original expenditure estimates of the Trans-Jordan Government should be reduced by 5 per cent. The establishment of a Government Hospital at Irbid would be most beneficial to a large number of people, but it cannot be considered as an essential service at the present time.

Head XII.—Department of Education.

Under Items 36 to 40 and Item 46 the Executive Council has inserted provision for the conversion of the Es Salt secondary school into a boarding school with one additional class from 1st October, 1933. This project was originally put forward in 1931-32, and the objects were explained on pages 4 and 5 of the explanatory memorandum on the estimates for that year.

The project was sanctioned by the Secretary of State but was not brought into operation and in submitting the estimates for 1932-33, the British Resident recommended that the money provided for this service should be used for primary education (*vide* memorandum submitted with the estimates for 1932-33) and deleted the provision made for the extension and conversion of the Es Salt school, from the estimates submitted to the Secretary of State. The Executive Council was opposed to this, but the estimates were nevertheless eventually approved in the form submitted by the British Resident.

In reinserting the provision for this project the Executive Council is governed by the belief that the Legislative Council attaches great importance thereto, and may refuse to enact the Budget Law unless the necessary provision is made. The recurrent cost of a full year will be £P.2,060 and for the present year a further £P.2,000 is required for the addition of an upper storey to the existing school building (*vide* Item 16, Head XXIV), and it is doubtful whether this additional expense is justified at the present time. In considering this question it should be borne in mind that the principal object in providing an additional class (apart from the question of conversion into a boarding school) is to train boys as teachers for the Government's schools, and that under Items 50 and 51 provision exists for the training of boys in the American University at Beirut and the Kadoorie school in Palestine, where they will certainly receive a better training than they would at the Es Salt school.

Item 51.—Provides for the continuation of the programme outlined in the covering memorandum to the 1932-33 Estimates and which has presumably been accepted in principle by the Secretary of State under his approval of those Estimates. The additional provision is for the entry of four more pupils. The latter are being sent to the Kadoorie school on the recommendation of His Excellency the High Commissioner.

Item 52.—Provision has been made for £P 50 for the improvement of school gardens. It is most desirable that the interest of the boys in the Government schools in gardening and agriculture should be stimulated, and this question will be dealt with again in the comments on Head XIII—Agriculture and Forests.

Head XIII.—Agriculture, Forests and Veterinary.

Under Item 4, provision has been made for one additional Agricultural Assistant at £P.17—½—20 *per mensem*. The duties of this officer will be the supervision of the experimental gardens which it is proposed to attach to a number of Government schools. See also Item 35 of this Head.

This scheme has been introduced on the instructions of His Excellency the High Commissioner and should prove of considerable value in an essentially agricultural country like Trans-Jordan inasmuch as it will stimulate the interest of the pupils in agriculture, and they will at the same time acquire some knowledge of modern methods of which the majority of the population are lamentably ignorant.

Item 10.—Provides for one additional Forest Guard at £P.5 *per mensem* for the district of El Belqa (Amman—Es Salt—Madeba). There is at present only one Forest Guard in this district which is so large that he cannot exercise adequate control over the forest areas, which are widely scattered.

During the war the Belka suffered more than any other district from the depredations of the Turkish Government in its efforts to obtain fuel for the Hijaz Railway, and many areas of forest land were completely destroyed. In many of these localities young trees are now growing again and their protection is most important.

Under Items 12 *and* 14.—Provision has been made for one additional overseer of experimental stations and one additional nursery gardener. There is only one

experimental station at the present time, which is located at Ruseifeh near Amman. It is now desired to establish a second experimental station at Ghor el Kefrein in the Jordan Valley for the purpose of growing sub-tropical fruit trees, vegetables, and grain. The cultivated land in the Jordan Valley is not at present used to the best advantage, and it is hoped that the projected experimental station will help the people to make better use of their land.

Nurseries for the growth and distribution of trees have been established at the following centres:—Amman, Jerash, Madeba, and Kefr Sum (near Irbid). The Department of Agriculture proposes to establish an additional nursery at Kerak which will be a useful distributing centre for the Liwa of Kerak, which includes the Kada of Tafileh.

Under Items 30, 32, 33, 34.—Increased provision for the upkeep of nurseries and experimental stations has been made, with a slight modification of the form in which the provision is shown. The total provision for 1932-33 was £P.800 and the provision now asked for is £P.1,300, an increase of £P.500, which is not excessive in view of the proposal to establish one new experimental station and one new nursery.

Item 35 is for school gardens referred to above, under Item 4.

Head XV (A).—Public Works Recurrent.

Under Item 1.—Increased provision has been made for the maintenance of Government buildings. The commitments of the Department of Public Works for this service have been considerably increased in recent years by the construction of various Customs Stations on the frontier, and police Posts, notably the forts for the Desert Patrol on the eastern frontier.

Item 7.—Maintenance of Roads has been increased by £P.400 to £P.8,900. The provision for this service is still inadequate and it is most unfortunate that the Government's financial position does not permit of more adequate provision.

Head XVI.—Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones.

Under Item 14.—Provision has been inserted for an additional postmaster at £P.9—½—12 *per mensem*. This post is required for a branch Post Office at Mafrak, which is the Trans-Jordan base of the 'Iraq Petroleum Company's pipeline work. The monthly receipts of this branch Post Office will be considerably in excess of its cost.

Item 23.—Provides for three additional linesmen at £P.5 *per mensem*. This increase in the establishment is necessitated by the projected Public Security Telephone lines for which provision has been made under Head XXV, Item 1.

Item 28.—The increased provision under Transport and Travelling is on account of the forage allowance which will be paid to three new linesmen provided for under Item 24.

Under Item 31.—The provision for clothing has been increased by £P.110 to enable the Department to supply uniforms to all linesmen. It is most desirable that this should be done as linesmen have to cover long distances without escort and the provision of uniforms will minimise the risk of their being interfered with by irresponsible persons.

Head XVII.—Department of Lands.

The Executive Council has deleted the provision of £P.550 under Item 16, Field Allowances, and proposes to cancel the regulations under which this allowance is payable, with effect from 1st April, 1933. This was done in order to provide funds for a part of the cost of additional personnel for whom provision was inserted by the Council under Head XII for their project for the expansion of the Es Salt Secondary school (*vide* comments under Head XII). The cancellation of Field Allowance does not appear justified.

Under Items 24 *and* 31 (*Other Charges*).—Increased provision has been made for transport and travelling, and labourers' boots. The work of demarcation and valuation has been considerably accelerated and this entails a proportionate increase in expenditure. The increase asked for is necessary if the programme of work is to be carried out.

Head XVIII.—Police and Prisons.

A. Police.

The various increases and decreases in the Estimates as passed by the Executive Council are adequately explained in the marginal notes on the schedules. It is, however, necessary to submit the following explanation on certain changes made by the Executive Council in the estimates as submitted by the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion:—

(1) In the draft Estimates submitted by the Officer Commanding, Arab Legion, provision was made for an additional British officer at a salary of £P.400 per annum plus £P.50 per annum expatriation allowance.

The Executive Council would not accept this increase in the establishment of British officers, on the grounds of expense. Their contention is that the cost of the Arab Legion is beyond the resources of the country, and that this cost, although already high, increases from year to year and has been the subject of seyere criticism in the Legislative Council. There appears to be some foundation for this criticism and the following figures may be of interest:—

	£P.
Approved Estimates—Police (including D.C.P.), 1931-32...	99,898
Approved Estimates—Police (including D.C.P.), 1932-33...	100,916
Draft Estimates—Police (including D.C.P.), 1933-34 ...	102,380

The figure for 1933-34 is that passed by the Executive Council after deletion of the new post estimated to cost £P.450 per annum and it is suggested that if His Majesty's Government insists on the inclusion of an additional British officer, the cost should be covered by a corresponding saving on other items of expenditure under the same Head

(2) Provision was made by the Officer Commanding the Arab Legion for the promotion of one Wakil (£P.9—½—12 *per mensem*) in the Desert Patrol, to Mulazim Thani at £P.13—½—16 *per mensem*. As the Executive Council has already decided on the general principle that, owing to financial stringency, no promotion would be sanctioned in any department, this promotion was not agreed to.

It would appear reasonable that the Arab Legion should conform to the general ruling in this respect.

(3) Under Item 56, Clothing, the Officer Commanding Arab Legion had increased the provision of £P.270 with the intention of establishing a reserve of clothing. The Executive Council was of opinion that as there was no increase in the personnel of the Arab Legion no extra provision should be necessary for clothing and accordingly reduced the provision to the level of 1932-33.

The Executive Council's argument appears to be a reasonable one.

B. Prisons.

As in the case of "A" Police, the increases and decreases are adequately explained in the marginal notes on the schedules.

The Executive Council effected one change only: Under Item 13, *Clothing Prison Personnel*. The Officer Commanding the Arab Legion increased the provision by £P.60 and for the reasons already given above in connexion with Police, Item 56, the provision was reduced to the level of 1932-33. This reduction is reasonable.

Head XIX.—Miscellaneous.

Item 1. *Typewriters.*—Has been increased by £P.100 for the purchase of a "long carriage" typewriter and a duplicator for the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. The cost of these two machines cannot be met from the existing provision of £P.250 which is only sufficient for annual replacements.

Item 7. *Pensions Contributions to Palestine.*—The provision for this service has been reduced in accordance with the revised rate of 12½ per cent., which will come into force on 1st April, 1933, in place of the old rate of 20 per cent. of the pensionable emoluments of seconded officials.

Item 11. *Entertainment.*—This new item has been inserted to cover the expense of entertaining distinguished foreign guests, *e.g.*, members of Royal Families, &c. Such visits are rare but the existence of a small sum for this purpose is desirable.

Item 12. *Repatriation.*—During the past two years the Government has, in several cases, been called upon to pay for the repatriation of Trans-Jordanians, principally from the Hijaz. The provision of a small sum for this purpose is obviously desirable.

Head XXIII.—Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Ordinary.

The provision inserted under this Head is one-sixth of the total estimated ordinary expenditure of the Force, as communicated by the Treasurer, Palestine.

Head XXIV.—Public Works Extraordinary.

Item 5.—Provides for the expenditure of £P.700 out of a total estimate of £P.2,000 on additions and improvements to the Central Prison, Amman. The number of prisoners at Amman is increasing from year to year and additional accommodation is essential.

Item 8. *Customs Post, El Hameh.*—Provision of £P.250 for this service was included in the original estimates for 1932-33 but was deleted in the revision of the Estimates which was carried out under the Secretary of State's instructions, the Director of Public Works has now revised his estimate of the cost to £P.400.

Item 16. *Upper Storey, Es Salt School.*—Reference is invited to the section of this memorandum in which particulars are given of the Executive Council's plans in connexion with the El Salt Secondary School. The necessity for the provision of the £P.2,000 under this item depends on the ultimate decision given on the general question of the Es Salt School.

Items 1, 2, 3, 18, *and* 19.—Are a part of the programme of work sanctioned in previous years.

Item 17.—The additional accommodation has become necessary on account of the two new classes for weaving and cane chair manufacture which were sanctioned in 1931-32 but which only commenced work during the present year.

2. Under the remaining items provision has been made for various urgent works which have been selected from the long list of works which must of necessity be spread over a number of years.

3. The Executive Council did not approve of the inclusion of the necessary provision for the construction of a fort at Jebel Rum, which has been sanctioned in principle by the Secretary of State and which is considered by His Excellency the High Commissioner to be urgent. The Officer Commanding the Arab Legion has asked for a fort identical to that at Bair and the Director of Public Works' estimate of the cost is £P.1,800.

Head XXV.—Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary.

Under Item 1.—Provision has been made for the construction of the Police telephone lines named in the schedule. The construction of these lines was provided for and approved in the Estimates for 1931-32 and the bulk of the stores has been purchased. The construction has so far been postponed owing to the financial difficulties of the Government, but it is desirable that the work should not be further delayed.

Item 2.—Proivdes for the purchase of a new multiple switchboard for the Amman Post Office exchange with 240 lines for local subscribers and 30 trunk lines. The estimated cost is £P.700.

The two small switchboards at present in use have been in service for a considerable period and are no longer reliable. In addition to being worn out they are of an out-of-date type and their replacement is a matter of urgency.

General.—Further work on the Amman-Kerak Ma'an telegraph line, which is now through to Kerak, is being postponed for the present year.

Head XXVI.—Police and Prisons Extraordinary.

Item 1. *Arms and Ammunition,* £P.800.—In the original Estimates for 1932-33 a sum of £P.1,100 was included for the purchase of arms and ammunition to complete the re-arming of the Arab Legion. In the revised Estimates which were approved by the Secretary of State, this provision was reduced and £P.150 only was included for the purchase of ammunition. The Officer Commanding the Arab Legion is anxious that the re-arming of the Arab Legion should be completed with as little delay as possible and has submitted an estimate of £P.800 for this purpose.

Item 2. *Cars for Desert Patrol.*

1. The estimate of £P.2,750 is based on the following requirements :—

	£P.
7 Commer chassis at £P.260	1,820
7 Commer bodies at £P.50	350
7 sets spare parts at £P.30	210
Transport and other expenses	110
1 Ford tourer	260
	£P.2,750

The seven Commer cars are required to replace cars of the Desert Patrol which will be unserviceable by 1933-34 and the Ford tourer is required for the additional British officer.

2. If the unserviceable cars are replaced with Ford cars and not Commer cars, the estimated cost is :—

	£P.
7 Ford 30 cwt. chassis at £P.185	1,302
Transport and other expenses	108
1 Ford tourer	260
	£P.1,670

Ten serviceable Ford bodies are at present available which obviates the necessity of providing for the purchase of new bodies if Fords are used for replacements.

3. The Executive Council have approved the higher of the two estimates, *i.e.*, £P.2,750, as it is understood that a final decision has not yet been reached as to the type of car to be used.

Head XXVIII.—Public Health Extraordinary.

The Delepine Thresh Disinfector for which provision has been made at £P.275 is urgently required

Head XXIX.—Write-off of Public Money.

Item 1.—In 1931-32 certain loans were made to distressed cultivators under authority of the Secretary of State's despatch No. 211 of the 23rd of December, 1931. These loans were unsecured and a large number of the persons to whom they were issued have again suffered from bad crops in 1932-33. They are in very distressed circumstances and recovery of the amounts due from them is out of the question. In the joint report by the Assistant British Resident and the Financial Adviser on the economic condition of the country in general and crops in particular, which was submitted early in the year, reference is made to the fact that a portion of the money advanced in 1931-32 might prove to be irrecoverable.

2. In the circumstances the only sound course for the Government to adopt is to write off the amounts which are irrecoverable and which are at present shown in the accounts of the Government under Advances. Such a measure will necessitate a charge against expenditure and provision in the Estimates for 1933-34 has been made to cover this charge.

3 The detailed lists of persons who are unable to repay the loans are now under final examination and a full report will be submitted for the approval of the Secretary of State before any action is taken. The final figures are not available but the approximate total is £P.1,126, for which provision has been made.

Item 2.—The provision of £P.750 under this item is to cover the write-off of certain losses of public money due to fraud. Special application for authority to write off these sums will, of course, be made in the usual way.

GENERAL REMARKS ON THE ESTIMATE OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE TRANS-JORDAN ADMINISTRATION FOR 1933-34.

In the preceding sections of the memorandum the details of the Estimates as passed by the Executive Council have been fully explained and the following general remarks are submitted on the Estimates as a whole.

1. The total estimated expenditure for the financial year 1933-34 is £P.364,395, of which £P 33,795 is on account of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force which brings the estimated cost of the Trans-Jordan Administration, excluding the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, to £P.330,600.

The estimated local revenue is £P.248,100, leaving the deficit for the financial year 1933-34 of £P.82,500.

On the basis of these Estimates it will therefore be necessary to apply for a grant-in-aid from His Majesty's Government of £P.82,500 for 1933-34 as compared with an approved grant-in-aid of £P.72,000 for the year 1932-33.

2 The estimated revenue is based on existing taxation and this estimate is conditional on there being no extensive failure of crops which will necessitate any considerable remission of taxes. It is impossible to say at the present time whether or not such a necessity will arise; if it does, the Government will have to take steps to effect a temporary reduction of expenditure to balance the loss of revenue, as it has done in 1931-32 and 1932-33.

No increase in revenue has been allowed for an account of various proposals now before the Government for increasing its revenues, *i.e.*, the land tax, income tax, licensing of trades and professions, and the revision of Sharia Court fees. The experience of the past three years indicate that it is most difficult to obtain the sanction of the Legislature for any increase in taxes or departmental fees and that it is probable that the introduction of these new measures will not be possible in 1933-34 if the Legislative Council maintains its present attitude.

In these circumstances any provision in these Estimates on account of new revenues would not be justified.

3. In preparing the Estimates of expenditure the Executive Council has endeavoured, with certain notable exceptions, to limit the provision to that which is required for the maintenance of services which have already been sanctioned and in view of the financial difficulties no regrading or promotions have been sanctioned, although there are several cases in which regrading of posts would be fully justified on the merits of the case.

The exceptions referred to above are the new services provided under :—

		£P.
Head XII.—Public Health	Items 15 to 18	156
Head XII.—Education	Items 36 to 40	630
	Item 46	400
	Item 52	50
Head XIII.—Agriculture	Item 4	102
	Items 12-14	120
	Items 30-32-33-34... ...	500
	Item 35	250
Head XXIV.—Public Works Extraordinary—Item 16 ...		2,000
		£P.4,208

Provision has not been made for field allowances under Head XVII—Item 16 (£P.550) and for the fourth British officer for the Arab Legion (£P.450).

4. The increase in the grant-in-aid is unfortunate, but the realization of additional revenue is becoming increasingly difficult. Trans-Jordan has never been a rich country and such wealth as the inhabitants possess is in their livestock and the produce of their land. One bad harvest and lack of grazing for one year is sufficient to upset the economic condition of the whole country and Trans-Jordan has now suffered from a succession of bad years and in the circumstances it is not surprising that the revenues of the Government have decreased.

If any appreciable decrease in the grant-in-aid is insisted on by His Majesty's Government it will be necessary to effect a reduction in the establishment of the Departments, and this cannot be done without the cancellation of some of the existing services. If such a reduction is contemplated particular attention should be given to the Department of Police and Prisons and the Department of Education. These two Departments will, on the basis of the draft Estimates for 1933-34 absorb £P.140,518 out of a total ordinary expenditure of £P. 313,158

An immediate reduction could be effected by excluding all new services until such time as the revenues of the Government improve.

The new services in the 1933-34 Estimates are set forth in paragraph 3 above and amount to £P.4,208. Against this reduction it may, however, be decided by His Majesty's Government that the following provision which was not agreed to by the Executive Council should be re-inserted : —

	£P.
Head XVII.—Department of Lands: Item 16—Field Allowance	550
Head XVIII (A).—Police—Additional British Officer ...	450
Head XXIV.—Public Works Extraordinary—Fort at Jebel Rum	1,800
	£P.2,800

The net reduction in expenditure would then be £P.1,408, leaving a grant-in-aid of £P.81,100.

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TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES, 1933-34.

ABSTRACT SHOWING THE ACTUAL REVENUE FOR 1931-32 AND THE ESTIMATED REVENUE FOR 1932-33 AND 1933-34.

Head of Revenue.	*Actuals £P.* 1931-32.	*Approved Estimates £P.* 1932-33.	*Forecast of Revenue £P.* 1932-33.	*Estimates £P.* 1933-34.
1. Customs and Excise	222,902	250,660	243,005	248,100
2. Licences and Taxes	84,700	72,000	72,000	82,500
3. Fees of Court or Office	30,444	30,567	30,567	33,795
4. Posts and Telegraph Department ...	115,144	102,567	102,567	116,295
5. Revenue from Government Property ...	338,046	353,227	345,572	364,395
6. Interest				
7. Miscellaneous				
8 Sale of State Domains				
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE				
9. Grant-in-Aid Trans-Jordan Government				
10. Grant-in-Aid Trans-Jordan Frontier Force				
TOTAL GRANT-IN-AID				
TOTAL REVENUE				

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TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT ESTIMATES, 1933-34.

Abstract Showing the Actual Expenditure for 1931-32 and the Estimated Expenditure for 1932-33 and 1933-34.

	Head of Expenditure.	*Actuals* 1931-32.	*Approved Estimates* 1932-33.	*Forecast of Expenditure* 1932-33.	*Estimates* 1933-34.
		£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.
1.	Civil List	13,997	14,454	14,454	14,565
2.	Public Debt and Loan Charges	590	591	591	591
3.	Legislature	3,731	3,788	3,838	3,872
4.	Pensions and Gratuities	4,758	5,500	5,500	6,000
5.	Chief Minister	3,685	3,837	3,820	3,888
6.	District Administration	6,885	7,070	6,981	7,099
7.	Ministry of Justice	15,355	15,817	15,667	16,641
8.	Shavia Courts	3,672	3,815	3,800	3,926
9.	Ministry of Finance	14,612	14,916	14,816	15,441
10.	Customs and Excise	7,229	7,732	7,434	8,026
11.	Public Health Department	11,292	12,135	11,826	12,392
11a.	Ma'an Quarantine	—	95	—	95
12.	Education	21,744	23,429	22,734	24,860
13.	Agriculture, Forests, and Veterinary	6,121	6,543	6,131	7,193
14.	Antiquities Department	2,610	2,700	2,664	2,736
15.	Public Works Department	4,339	4,540	4,537	4,613
15a.	Public Works Recurrent	16,873	17,500	17,380	18,000
16.	Posts and Telegraphs Department	12,122	12,952	13,522	13,634
17.	Lands Department	12,864	14,140	13,955	13,774
18.	Police and Prisons—(*a*) Police	81,872	100,916	99,633	102,380
	(*b*) Prisons	10,702	12,752	12,652	13,278
	(*c*) Desert Patrol	16,166	—	—	—
19.	Miscellaneous	9,305	8,958	8,858	8,810
20.	British Resident	6,507	6,562	6,510	6,619
21.	Audit Department	3,422	3,483	3,396	3,510
22.	Tribal Control Board	1,198	1,266	1,156	1,216
	Total Ordinary Expenditure, Trans-Jordan Government	291,651	305,491	301.855	313,159
23.	Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Ordinary Expenditure (1/6th)	29,038	29,815	29,815	30,715
	Total Ordinary Expenditure	320.689	335,306	331,670	343,874
	Extraordinary.				
24.	Public Works Extraordinary, including Relief Works	12,183	12,742	12,100	8,500
25.	Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary	1,959	1,200	950	2,840
26.	Police and Prisons Extraordinary	5,385	1,700	1,700	3,550
27.	Printing and Binding 1,000 copies of a volume of Trans-Jordan Laws in Arabic	—	—	—	400
28.	Public Health Extraordinary	—	—	—	275
29.	Write-Off of Public Money	—	—	—	1,876
—	British Resident Extraordinary (1931-32)	315	—	—	—
—	Special Grant to H.H. the Emir (1931-32)	3,000	—	—	—
—	Syrio-Trans-Jordan Boundary Commission	47	3,000	1,800	—
—	Anti-Locust Measures	—	1,000	—	—
	Total Extraordinary Expenditure, Trans-Jordan Government	22,889	19,642	16,550	17,441
30.	Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary Expenditure (1/6th)	1,405	752	752	3,080
	Total Extraordinary Expenditure	24,294	20,394	17,302	20,521
	Total Expenditure	344,983	355,700	348,972	364,395

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TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES, 1933-34.

Summary Showing the Estimated Surplus at 31st March, 1934.

	£P.	£P.	£P.
Surplus at 31st March, 1932			5,400
Actual Revenue from 1st April, 1932, to 31st October, 1932:—			
Local	155,460		
Grant-in-Aid of the Trans-Jordan Government	29,600		
Grant-in-Aid of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	6,709		
		191,769	
Estimated Further Revenue from 1st November, 1932, to 31st March, 1933:—			
Local	88,545		
Grant-in-Aid of the Trans-Jordan Government	42,400		
Grant-in-Aid of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	23,858		
		154,803	
			346,572
Total Revenue for 1932-33, including Surplus brought forward from 1931-32			351,972
Actual Expenditure from 1st April, 1932, to 31st October, 1932:—			
Ordinary	173,565		
Extraordinary	3,277		
		176,842	
Estimated Further Expenditure from 1st November, 1932, to 31st March, 1933:—			
Ordinary	157,105		
Extraordinary	14,025		
		171,130	
			347,972
Estimated Surplus at 31st March, 1933			4,000
Estimated Revenue for 1933-34:—			
Local	248,100		
Grant-in-Aid of the Trans-Jordan Government	82,500		
Grant-in-Aid of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	33,795		
			364,395
Total Revenue for 1933-34, including Estimated Surplus to be brought forward from 1932-33...			368,395
Estimated Expenditure for 1933-34:—			
Ordinary	343,874		
Extraordinary	20,521		
			364,395
Estimated Surplus at 31st March, 1934			4,000

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GOVERNMENT OF TRANS-JORDAN.

Statement of Assets and Liabilities as at 31st March, 1932.

Liabilities.	£P.	Mils.	£P.	Mils
Deposits.				
Customs	88	388		
Municipal	272	163		
Execution	450	189		
Orphans' Estates	23	258		
Municipal Water Supply	1,952	798		
Agricultural Bank	45	700		
Relief, Southern Districts	97	611		
Relief, Distressed Agriculturists	502	846		
Posts and Telegraph Department	2,230	857		
Police and Prisons Guarantee Fund	1,601	283		
Police and Prisons Fund	100	677		
His Highness the Emir	1,981	931		
Sundry Deposits	1,951	526		
			11,299	227
Loans.				
Earthquake Relief, Advance by His Majesty's Government			12,000	000
Remittances.				
Trans-Jordan's Account with the Palestine Treasury				200
Excess of Assets over Liabilities			5,400	191
			£P.28,699	618

Assets.	£P.	Mils	£P.	Mils.
Advances.				
Agricultural Bank	4,000	000		
Artesian Well, Irbid	124	348		
British Resident	7	572		
Earthquake Relief Loans	4,465	389		
His Highness the Amir	602	622		
Posts and Telegraph Department	605	583		
Seed Corn Loans	70	822		
Zizia Land Account	1,000	000		
Nejd Hedjaz Government	1,726	383		
Agricultural Loans	3,984	000		
Sundry Advances	2,105	680		
			18,692	399
Imprests			2,941	309
Remittances in Transit.				
Posts and Telegraph Department			15	900
Cash and Bank Balances.				
With the Crown Agents	84	596		
With the Joint Colonial Fund	1,000	000		
Balances held locally	5,965	414		
			7,050	010
			£P.28,699	618

Examined.

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Chief Examiner
(*Mudir El Tadkik wa'l Tahkik*).

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Auditor.

Ministry of Finance,
Trans-Jordan. *Date* .....

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Financial Adviser.

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Treasurer.

Statement of Cash and Bank Balances of the Treasury, Amman, as at 31st March, 1932.

	£P.	Mils.	£P.	Mils.
Cash balance as per Cash Book			120	939
Bank balance as per Bank Pass Book and bank certificates:—	£P.	Mils.		
Deposit account	5,128	205		
Overdraft on current account	596	607		
	4,531	598		
Less unpresented cheques	2,544	881		
			1,986	717
Total			£P.2,107	656

Certified that the above is a true statement of the Cash and Bank balances of the Treasury, Amman, as at 31st March, 1932.

..... *Treasurer.*

..... *Financial Adviser.*

Statement of Cash and Bank Balances held locally as at 31st March, 1932.

			£P.	Mils.	£P.	Mils.
Amman Treasury,	in Bank		1,986	717		
,, ,,	in Cash		120	939		
					2,107	656
Sub-Accountant—Es Salt					429	247
,, Karak					457	964
,, Irbid,	in Bank		447	939		
,, Irbid,	in Cash		21	104		
					469	043
,, Tafileh					409	183
,, Jerash					45	942
,, Madaba					741	018
,, Ma'an					339	055
Postmaster-General,	in Bank		165	948		
,, ,,	in Cash		629	867		
					795	815
British Resident,	in Bank				73	244
O.C. Police and Prisons.	in Bank		53	699		
,, ,,	in Cash		43	548		
					97	247
Total					£P.5,965	414

Certified that the above is a true statement of the Cash and Bank balances held locally as at 31st March, 1932.

..... *Treasurer.*

..... *Financial Adviser.*

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TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1933-34.

Revenue

Head and Sub-Head of Revenue.	*Approved Estimates* 1932-33.	*Estimates* 1933-34.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
Head I.—Customs and Excise.					
1. Customs Share, Syria	4,000	1,500	—	2,500	
2. Customs Share, Palestine	25,500	25,500	—	—	
3. Import Duty collected locally	21,000	21,950	950	—	
4. Excise Duty on Intoxicating Liquor	800	850	50	—	
5. Excise Duty on Tobacco	8,000	9,000	1,000	—	
6. Examination Fees	2,000	2,000	—	—	
7. Miscellaneous	500	500	—	—	
8. Banderolle Fees on Matches	200	400	200	—	
9. Duty on Cigarette Paper	500	800	300	—	
Total Customs and Excise	62,500	62,500	2,500	2,500	
Head II.—Licences, Taxes, &c.					
1. Licences, Advocates	60	60	—	—	
2. Licences, Vehicles	550	1,000	450	—	
3. Licences, Driving, Registration Fees on Cars ...	300	300	—	—	
4. Licences, Forests and Quarry	450	450	—	—	
5. Licences, Sale of Intoxicating Liquors	300	300	—	—	
6. Licences, Sale of Tobacco	550	550	—	—	
7. Licences, Other	40	40	—	—	
8. Taxes, Animal	38,000	35,500	—	2,500	
9. Taxes, House and Land	21,000	17,500	—	3,500	
10. Taxes, Tamattu	4,200	4,500	300	—	
11. Taxes, Road	7,150	5,930	—	1,220	
12. Tithes	49,500	39,900	—	9,600	
13. Revenue Stamp, Duty	3,700	3,600	—	100	
14. Hedjaz Stamp, Duty	3,000	2,800	—	200	
15. Fines and Forfeitures	3,000	2,750	—	250	
16. Allenby Bridge Tolls	3,500	3,500	—	—	
17. The Consolidated Tax (Kerak and Beni-Hassan) ...	—	14,320	14,320	—	
Total Licences, Taxes, &c.	135,300	133,000	15,070	17,370	Net Decrease £P.2,300.

Head and Sub-Head of Revenue.	*Approved Estimates* 1932-33.	*Estimates* 1933-34.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
	£P.	*£P.*	*£P.*	*£P.*	
HEAD III.—FEES OF COURT OR OFFICE, &C.					
1. Court Fees, Civil	6,000	6,000	—	—	
2. Court Fees. Sharia	1,750	1,750	—	—	
3. Court Fees, Tribal	80	120	40	—	
4. Notary Public Fees	1,650	1,200	—	450	
5. Land Registry Fees	3,150	3,150	—	—	
6. Passport Fees	600	650	50	—	
7. Nationality Certificate Fees	500	400	—	100	
8. Tourist Fees	450	550	100	—	
9. Medical Services and Hospital Receipts	850	750	—	100	
10. Veterinary and Animal Quarantine Fees	1,600	1,450	—	150	
11. Education and Arts and Crafts School Receipts ...	800	800	—	—	
12. Sale of Publications and Maps	400	200	—	200	
13. Sale of Departmental Stores	600	600	—	—	
14. Pension Contribution	9,050	11,000	1,950	—	
15. Miscellaneous Reimbursements	170	130	—	40	
16. Registration of Trade Marks	550	300	—	250	
TOTAL FEES OF COURT OR OFFICE, &C.	28,200	29,050	2,140	1,290	NET INCREASE £P.850.
HEAD IV.—POSTS, TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES.					
1. Sale of Stamps	7,000	3,000	—	4,000	
2. Commission on Money Orders and Poundage or Postal Orders	300	200	—	100	
3. Telephone Retails and Installation Fees	2,350	2,500	150	—	
4. Telephone Trunk Calls	3,550	3,800	250	—	
5. Telegrams	1,600	1,360	—	240	
6. Parcel Post	300	500	200	—	
7. Post Office Box Rentals	70	70	—	—	
8. Trans-Desert Mail Transit Charges	—	1,500	1,500	—	
9. Miscellaneous Receipts	70	70	—	—	
TOTAL POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, AND TELEPHONES ...	15,240	13,000	2,100	4,340	NET DECREASE £P.2,240.
HEAD V.—REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.					
1. Rent of Land and Buildings	450	450	—	—	
2. Rental Tithe	1,000	1,000	—	—	
3. Forest and Other State Domain Revenues	2,000	2,000	—	—	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT PROPERTY ...	3,450	3,450	—	—	

Head and Sub-Head of Revenue.	*Approved Estimates* 1932-33.	*Estimates* 1933-34.	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
	£P.	*£P.*	*£P.*	*£P.*	
HEAD VI.—INTERESTS.					
1. Bank Balances	95	50	—	45	
2. Earthquake Relief Loans	360	200	—	160	
3. Interest on Advances to Agricultural Bank	355	300	—	55	
4. Agricultural Loans	140	100	—	40	
5. Deposits with the Joint Colonial Fund	140	150	10	—	
TOTAL INTERESTS	1,090	800	10	300	NET DECREASE £P.290.
HEAD VII.—MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.					
1. Sundry	650	650	—	—	
2. Share of the Profits of the Palestine Currency ...	2,250	3,250	1,000	—	
3. Royalties, Dead Sea Concession	980	1,400	420	—	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	3,880	5,300	1,420	—	NET INCREASE £P.1,420.
HEAD VIII.—SALE OF STATE DOMAINS	1,000	1,000	—	—	
HEAD IX.—GRANT-IN-AID TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT ...	72,000	82,500	10,500	—	NET INCREASE £P.10,500.
HEAD X.—GRANT-IN-AID TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE ...	30,567	33,795	3,228	—	NET INCREASE £P.3,228

EXPENDITURE.

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		*Approved Estimates* 1932-33. £P.	*Estimates* 1933-34. £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
HEAD I.—CIVIL LIST.						
1. His Highness the Amir.						
(*a*) H.H.'s Personal Allotment		12,000	12,000	—	—	
(*b*) H.H. the Amir Talal		820	820	—	—	
2. Personal Adviser	£P.38—2—46	504	528	24	—	2. Annual increment.
3. Secretary	£P.32—1—37	444	444	—	—	
4. Doctor	£P.26—1—31	312	324	12	—	4. Annual increment.
5. Clerk and Imam	£P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
6. Clerk	£P. 6—½— 8	—	75	75	—	6. Appointment sanctioned during 1932-33, *vide* Secretary of State's despatch No. 249 of 1st November, 1932.*
7. Driver	£P.15 p.m.	180	180	—	—	
8. Compensatory Allowance		14	14	—	—	
9. Orderly		36	36	—	—	
TOTAL CIVIL LIST		14,454	14,565	111	—	NET INCREASE £P.111.
HEAD II.—PUBLIC DEBT AND LOAN CHARGES.						
1. Interest on Advance from His Majesty's Government		591	591	—	—	
HEAD III.—LEGISLATURE.						
A. Personal Emoluments.						
1. 16 Members at £P.200 p.m.		3,200	3,200	—	—	
2. Secretary at £P.21—1—25		300	300	—	—	
3. Clerk at £P. 9—½—12		120	144	24	—	3. Change in holder of post.
4. Orderly at £P.3 p.m. (for six months)		18	18	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		3,638	3,662	24	—	
B. Other Charges.						
5. Transport and Travelling		120	180	60	—	5. Provision for 1932-33 insufficient.
6. Lighting and Heating		10	10	—	—	
7. Contingencies		10	10	—	—	
8. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		10	10	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		150	210	60	—	
TOTAL LEGISLATURE		3,788	3,872	84	—	NET INCREASE £P.84.
HEAD IV.—PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES.						
1. Pensions		4,000	4,500	500	—	1. *Vide* explanatory memorandum
2. Gratuities		1,500	1,500	—	—	
TOTAL PENSIONS AND GRATUITIES		5,500	6,000	500	—	NET INCREASE £P.500.
HEAD V.—CHIEF MINISTER AND INTERIOR.						
Personal Emoluments.						
1. H.E. The Chief Minister ...	(Special Grade)	1,200	1,200	—	—	
2. Chief Secretary	£P.48—2—58	648	672	24	—	2. Annual increment.
3. Assistant Secretary	£P.21—1—25	293	300	7	—	3. Annual increment.
4. Clerk	£P.17—½—20	210	216	6	—	4. Annual increment.
5. Clerk	£P.13—½—16	162	168	6	—	5. Annual increment.
6. 2 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	288	288	—	—	
7. Clerk	£P. 6—½— 8	72	76	4	—	7. Annual increment.
8. Compensatory Allowance		4	8	4	—	8. Increase due to increments.
9. Orderlies		120	120	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		2.997	3,048	51	—	
B. Other Charges.						
10. Transport and Travelling		440	440	—	—	
11. Lighting and Heating		15	15	—	—	
12. Contingencies		5	5	—	—	
13. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		140	140	—	—	
14. Secret Service		240	240	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		840	840	—	—	
TOTAL CHIEF MINISTER AND INTERIOR		3,837	3,888	51	—	NET INCREASE £P.51
HEAD VI.—DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION.						
Personal Emoluments.						
1. 4 Mutessarifs	£P.32—1—37	1,656	1,692	36	—	1. Annual increments.
2. 5 Kaimakams	£P.21—1—25	1,464	1,476	12	—	2. Annual increments.
3. 3 Mudir Nahiyas	£P.13—½—16	578	531	—	47	3. Error in computation in 1932-33.
4. 9 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	1,263	1,274	11	—	4. Annual increments.
5. 5 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	434	436	2	—	5. Error in computation in 1932-33 and increments
6. Compensatory Allowance		56	56	—	—	
7. Orderlies		384	384	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		5,835	5,849	61	47	

* C. 97738/32 [No. 75]: not printed.

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates 1932-33. £P.	Estimates 1933-34. £P.	Increase. £P.	Decrease. £P.	Remarks.
Head VI.—District Administration—*continued.*							
	B. Other Charges.						
8.	Transport and Travelling		725	730	5	—	
9.	Lighting and Heating		65	65	—	—	
10	Contingencies		20	25	5	—	
11.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		425	430	5	—	
	Total Other Charges		1,235	1,250	15	—	
	Total District Administration		7,070	7,099	76	47	Net Increase £P.29.
Head VII.—Ministry of Justice.							
	A. Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Minister of Justice	£P.48—2—58	602	627	25	—	1. Correct incremental stage.
2.	Judicial Adviser	(Special Grade)	1,342	1,342	—	—	
3.	Superintendent	£P.21—1—25	294	306	6	—	3. Annual increment.
4.	2 Clerks	£P.13—½—16	365	375	10	—	4. Annual increment.
5.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	100	112	12	—	5. Correct incremental stage.
6.	Compensatory Allowance		5	5	—	—	
7.	Orderlies		72	72	—	—	
	Court of Appeal.						
8.	President	£P.48—2—58	602	627	25	—	8. Correct incremental stage.
9.	2 Members	£P.32—1—37	852	864	12	—	9. One increment.
10.	1 Member	£P.26—1—31	312	324	12	—	10. Annual increment.
11.	Chief Clerk	£P.13—½—16	161	192	31	—	11. Change in holder of post.
12.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	123	130	7	—	12. Correct incremental stage.
13.	Clerk	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
14.	Compensatory Allowance		3	8	5	—	
15.	Process Server		48	48	—	—	
16.	Orderly		36	36	—	—	
17.	Attorney-General	£P.38—2—46	482	507	25	—	17. Correct incremental stage.
18.	Clerk to Attorney-General ...	£P. 9—½—12	123	130	7	—	18. Correct incremental stage.
19.	Clerk to Attorney-General ..	£P. 6—½— 8	—	72	72	—	19. New post. *Vide* memorandum.
	Districts Courts.						
20.	1 President (Amman)	£P.32—1—37	444	444	—	—	
21.	2 Presidents	£P.21—1—25	570	592	22	—	21. Annual increments.
22.	2 Members	£P.21—1—25	552	576	24	—	22. Annual increments.
23.	2 Members	£P.17—½—20	453	466	13	—	23. Correct incremental stage.
24.	4 Public Prosecutors	£P.17—½—20	910	877	—	33	24. Changes in personnel.
25.	1 Execution Officer	£P.13—½—16	156	162	6	—	25. Annual increment.
26.	3 Chief Clerks to Courts ...	£P.13—½—16	493	493	—	—	
27.	3 Clerks to Courts	£P. 9—½—12	384	396	12	—	27. Two increments.
28.	7 Clerks to Courts	£P. 6—½— 8	654	670	16	—	28. Three increments.
29.	5 Clerks to Public Prosecutors and Execution Officer	£P. 6—½— 8	434	458	24	- -	29. Four increments.
30.	Compensatory Allowance		11	37	26	—	30. Erroneous computation in 1932-33
31.	10 Process Servers		480	480	—	—	
32.	Orderlies		84	84	—	—	
	Magistrates' Courts.						
33.	2 Magistrates	£P.21—1—25	508	520	12	—	33. Annual increments.
34.	3 Magistrates	£P.17—½—20	720	707	—	13	34. Changes in personnel.
35.	7 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	923	959	36	—	35. Six increments.
36.	2 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	186	188	2	—	36. One increment.
37.	Compensatory Allowances		23	16	—	7	
38.	11 Process Servers		528	528	—	..	
39.	Orderly		24	24	—	—	
40.	Notary Public	£P.13—½—16	162	162	—	—	
	Total Personal Emoluments		14,317	14,706	442	53	
	B. Other Charges.						
41.	Transport and Travelling		550	900	350	—	41. See memorandum.
42.	Lighting and Heating		70	70	—	—	
43.	Contingencies		35	35	—	—	
44.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		175	260	85	—	44. Present provision is insufficient.
45.	Clothing, Process Servers		70	70	—	—	
46.	Medico Legal Fees		450	450	—	—	
47.	Tribal Court Expenses		100	100	—	—	
48.	Purchase of Books		50	50	—	—	
	Total Other Charges		1,500	1,935	435	—	
	Total Ministry of Justice		15,817	16,641	877	53	Net Increase £P.824.

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		*Approved Estimates* 1932-33. £P.	*Estimates* 1933-34. £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
HEAD VIII.—SHARIA COURTS.							
	Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Kadi el Kuda		—	—	—	—	1. Vacant (duties carried out by H.E. the C.M.).
2.	Chief Clerk	£P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—	
3.	Director of Orphans' Estates ...	£P.13—½—16	78	156	78	—	3. Provision in 1932-33 was for six months only.
4.	Clerk	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
5.	Orderly	... ...	36	36	—	—	
	Courts.						
6.	2 Kadis	£P.21—1—25	600	600	—	—	
7.	5 Kadis	£P.17—½—20	1,133	1,158	25	—	7. Annual increments.
8.	7 Clerks to Courts	£P. 9—½—12	923	945	22	—	8. Increments.
9.	7 Process Servers	... ...	336	336	—	—	
10.	Mufti Amman	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
11.	Mufti Irbid	£P. 6—½— 8	76	82	6	—	11. Annual increment.
12.	Compensatory Allowances		47	47	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		3,613	3,744	131	—	
	B. Other Charges.						
13.	Transport and Travelling		150	130	—	20	
14.	Lighting and Heating		25	20	—	5	
15.	Contingencies		7	7	—	—	
16.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		20	25	5	—	16. Present provision is insufficient.
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		202	182	5	25	
	TOTAL SHARIA COURTS		3,815	3,926	136	25	NET INCREASE £P.111.
HEAD IX.—MINISTRY OF FINANCE.							
	A. Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Treasurer	£P.48—2—58	603	627	24	—	1. Annual increment.
2.	Financial Adviser	(Special)	990	990	—	—	
3.	2 Assistant Treasurers	£P.26—1—31	681	705	24	—	3. Annual increments.
4.	Controller of Stores	£P.21—1—25	300	300	—	—	
5.	2 Treasury Officers	£P.21—1—25	552	576	24	—	5. Annual increments
6.	Chief Clerk	£P.17—½—20	204	209	5	—	6. Annual increment.
7.	4 District Sub-Accountants ...	£P.17—½—20	834	856	22	—	7. Annual increments
8.	4 District Sub-Accountants ...	£P.13—½—16	708	706	—	2	8. Change in holders of posts.
9.	2 Treasury Officers	£P.13—½—16	470	376	—	94	9. Error in computation in 1932-33.
10.	12 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	1,573	1,621	48	—	10. Annual increments.
11.	13 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	1,100	—	—	1,100	11. See Item 12.
12.	12 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	—	1,108	1,108	—	12. Increments. Item 11 provided for 12 posts for the whole of 1932-33 and 1 post for 2½ months only of that year.
13.	34 Tax Collectors	£P. 7 p.m.	2,856	—	—	2,856	13. See Item 14.
14.	35 Tax Collectors	£P. 7 p.m.	—	2,877	2.877	—	14. Additional Tax Collector for 3 months only for Ma'een Baths.
15.	Orderlies	... ...	360	360	—	—	
16.	Compensatory Allowances		100	70	—	30	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		11,331	11,381	4,132	4,082	
	B. Other Charges.						
17.	Transport and Travelling		1,250	1,250	—	—	
18.	Lighting and Heating		75	70	—	5	
19.	Contingencies		40	40	—	—	
20.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		220	500	280	—	20. Provision in 1932-33 insufficient. Increased number of telephones used.
21.	Cost of Tithe Estimation		850	850	—	—	
22.	Cost of Animal Enumeration		1,100	1,300	200	—	
23.	Allowance to Registrar of Trade Marks		50	50	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		3,585	4,060	480	5	
	TOTAL MINISTRY OF FINANCE		14,916	15,441	4,612	4,087	NET INCREASE £P.525.
HEAD X.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.							
	A. Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Director	(Special)	1,000	1,000	—	—	
2.	Inspector	£P.21—1—25	293	300	7	—	2. Annual increment.
3.	Controller of Statistics	£P.17—½—20	216	222	6	—	3. Annual increment.
4.	1 Customs Officer	£P.17—½—20	235	240	5	—	4. Annual increment.
5.	1 Customs Officer	£P.13—½—16	179	186	7	—	5. Correct incremental stage.
6.	Chief Clerk (Directorate) ...	£P.13—½—16	168	174	6	—	6. Annual increment.
7.	4 Customs and Excise Officers ...	£P.13—½—16	675	714	39	—	7. Correct incremental stages
	Carried forward		2,766	2,836	70	—	

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		*Approved Estimates* 1932-33. £P.	*Estimates* 1933-34. £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
	Brought forward		2,766	2.836	70	—	
HEAD X.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE—*continued.*							
8.	12 Customs and Excise Officers ...	£P. 9—½—12	1.366	1,476	110	—	8. Increments and provision for full year of one post for which provision was made for six months only in 1932-33.
9.	7 Customs and Excise Officers ...	£P. 6—½— 8	607	636	29	—	9. Annual increments.
10.	Compensatory Allowances		40	40	—	—	
11.	19 Customs Guards...	£P. 5	1,080	1,080	—	—	11. Provision for 2 of these guards is for six months only.
12.	Apprentices	£P. 3½	42	42	—	—	
13.	Porters		300	285	—	15	
14.	Watchmen, Orderlies, &c.		156	156	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		6,357	6,551	209	15	
	B. Other Charges.						
15.	Transport and Travelling		650	650	—	—	
16.	Lighting and Heating		35	35	—	—	
17.	Contingencies		50	50	—	—	
18.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		100	100	—	—	
19.	Clothing, Customs Guards		90	90	—	—	
20.	Rewards and Gratuities		225	200	—	25	
21.	Banderolles		225	350	125	—	21. Extra provision is necessary for actual requirements.
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		1,375	1,475	125	25	
	TOTAL CUSTOMS AND EXCISE		7.732	8,026	334	40	NET INCREASE £P.294.

HEAD XI.—PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

A. Personal Emoluments.

1.	Director	(Special)	750	750	—	—	
2.	Chief Clerk	£P.17—½—20	216	222	6	—	2. Annual increment.
3.	Clerk	£P.13—½—16	168	174	6	—	3. Annual increment.
4.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
5.	Storekeeper	£P. 6—½— 8	—	36	36	—	5. New post as from 1st October, 1933.
6.	Ambulance Driver	£P. 8 p.m.	96	96	—	—	
7.	Orderly	£P. 3 p.m.	36	36	—	—	

Government Hospital, Amman.

8.	Medical Officer	£P.26—1—31	372	372	—	—	
9.	Dispenser	£P.21—1—25	254	264	10	—	9. Annual increment.
10.	Matron	£P. 9—½—12	127	132	5	—	10. Annual increment.
11.	Nurse	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
12.	3 Attendants	£P. 5 p.m.	180	180	—	—	
13.	Ward Maid	£P. 4 p.m.	48	48	—	—	
14.	Cook, washerwoman, orderlies, &c.		126	126	—	—	

Government Hospital, Irbid.

15.	Nurse	£P. 6—½— 8	—	42	42	—	15.
16.	Attendant	£P. 5 p.m.	—	30	30	—	16.
17.	Assistant Dispenser	£P. 5 p.m.	—	30	30	—	17. See memorandum.
18.	Cook, washerwoman, and 1 servant	£P.3 p.m. each	—	54	54	—	18.

Government Laboratory, Amman.

19.	Bacteriologist	£P.32—1—37	444	444	—	—	
20.	Assistant Bacteriologist	£P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	

Districts.

21.	1 Medical Officer	£P.32—1—37	420	437	17	—	21. Proper incremental stage.
22.	9 Medical Officers	£P.26—1—31	3,228	3,224	—	4	22. Change in holder of one post.
23.	3 Anti-Malarial Inspectors ...	£P. 9—½—12	350	366	16	—	23. Annual increments.
24.	1 Anti-Malarial Inspector ...	£P. 6—½— 8	90	96	6	—	24. Annual increments.
25.	1 Clerk to Medical Officer, Amman	£P. 6—½— 8	94	96	2	—	
26.	Infant Welfare Nurse	£P. 9—½—12	123	129	6	—	26. Annual increment.
27.	Public Health Orderly	£P. 9—½—12	120	123	3	—	
28.	2 Public Health Orderlies ...	£P. 7 p.m.	168	168	—	—	
29.	4 Public Health Orderlies ...	£P. 6 p.m.	288	288	—	—	
30.	5 Ophthalmic and Medical Attendants	£P. 6 p.m.	360	360	—	—	
31.	Compensatory Allowance		26	26	—	—	
32.	2 Watchmen for Amman and Remtha Quarantine stations	£P. 3 p.m.	72	72	—	—	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		8,540	8,805	269	4	

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates 1932-33. £P.	Estimates 1933-34. £P.	Increase. £P.	Decrease. £P.	Remarks.
HEAD XI.—PUBLIC HEALTH DEPT.—(*continued*).							
	B. Other Charges.						
33.	Transport and Travelling		800	750	—	50	
34.	Lighting and Heating		50	50	—	—	
35.	Contingencies		20	20	—	—	
36.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		105	105	—	—	
37.	Clothing		100	100	—	—	
38.	Treatment of Government patients in private hospitals		175	175	—	—	
39.	Medical Stores and Equipment		900	900	—	—	
40.	Epidemic Measures		400	400	—	—	
41.	Anti-Malarial Measures		100	100	—	—	
42.	Vaccine, Sera, &c.		150	150	—	—	
43.	Medical Library		20	12	—	8	
44.	Notification of Birth and Death Fees		180	180	—	—	
45.	Dieting Staff and Patients		350	400	50	—	
46.	Subsidy, Es Salt Hospital		240	240	—	—	
47.	Colonial Medical Advisory Committee		5	5	—	—	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		3,595	3,587	50	58	
	TOTAL PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT		12,135	12,392	319	62	NET INCREASE £P.257.
HEAD XIA.—MA'AN QUARANTINE.							
1.	Allowance to Medical Officer		12	12	—	—	
2.	1 Sub-Inspector at £P.8 for 3 months...		24	24	—	—	
3.	1 Attendant at £P.4 for 3 months		12	12	—	—	
4.	1 Attendant at £P.3 for 3 months		9	9	—	—	
5.	Dieting 150 Pilgrims		38	38	—	—	
	TOTAL MA'AN QUARANTINE STATION		95	95	—	—	
HEAD XII.—EDUCATION DEPARTMENT.							
	A. Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Director	£P.38—2—46	552	552	—	—	
2.	Inspector	£P.26—1—31	360	367	7	—	2. Annual increment.
3.	Inspector	£P.21—1—25	259	271	12	—	3. Annual increment.
4.	Chief Clerk	£P.17—½—20	228	240	12	—	4. Annual increment and correction of error.
5.	Accountant	£P. 9—½—12	140	144	4	—	5. Annual increment.
6.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	130	137	7	—	6. Annual increment.
7.	Storekeeper	£P. 6—½— 8	96	93	—	3	7. Correction of error.
8.	Compensatory Allowance		20	25	5	—	
9.	Orderly	£P. 3 p.m.	36	36	—	—	
	Boys' Schools.						
10.	Headmaster	£P.21—1—25	300	300	—	—	
11.	3 Headmasters	£P.17—½—20	639	660	21	—	11. Annual increments.
12.	6 Masters	£P.17—½—20	1,318	1,312	—	6	12. Correction of error.
13.	8 Masters	£P.13—½—16	1,303	—	—	1,303	13. See Item 14.
14.	6 Masters	£P.13—½—16	—	1,067	1,067	—	14. From Item 13. Two posts abolished in 1932.
15.	9 Headmasters	£P. 9—½—12	1,218	1,207	—	11	15. Change in holders of posts.
16.	13 Masters	£P. 9—½—12	1,634	1,762	128	—	16. Increments and correction of error.
17.	40 Masters	£P. 6—½— 8	3,592	3,718	126	—	17. Increments and correction of error.
18	31 Village School Masters ...	£P. 6—½— 8	2,862	2,825	—	37	18. Increments and correction of error.
19.	Compensatory Allowance		124	126	2	—	
20.	Orderlies, Servants, &c.		402	402	—	—	
	Girls' Schools.						
21.	3 Headmistresses	£P.13—½—16	576	576	—	—	
22.	5 Headmistresses	£P. 9—½—12	540	568	28	—	22. Increments and correction of error
23	10 Mistresses	£P. 9—½—12	1,130	1,193	63	—	23. Increments and correction of error.
24.	11 Mistresses	£P. 6—½— 8	1,000	961	—	39	24. Increments and correction of error.
25.	Compensatory Allowance		15	14	—	1	
26.	Orderlies, Servants, &c.		276	276	—	—	
	Arts and Crafts School.						
27.	Headmaster	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
28.	Master Smith	£P.13—½—16	165	171	6	—	28. Annual increment.
29.	Master Carpenter	£P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
30.	Instructor Cane Chairmaking ...	£P. 6—½— 8	72	77	5	—	30. Annual increment
31.	Master Weaver	£P. 6—½— 8	72	96	24	—	31. Correction of error.
32.	Master Reading and Writing ...	£P. 6—½— 8	72	94	22	—	32. Correction of error.
33.	Accountant and Storekeeper ...	£P. 9—½—12	144	114	—	30	33. Correction of error.
34.	Compensatory Allowance		4	7	3	—	
35.	Cook, washerwoman, and servants		210	210	—	—	
	Es Salt Boarding School.						
36.	4 Masters	£P.21—1—25	—	504	504	—	36. New posts as from 1st October, 1933. See memorandum.
37.	Clerk and Accountant	£P. 9—½—12	—	54	54	—	37. New post as from 1st October, 1933. See memorandum.
38.	Head Servant	£P. 3 p.m.	—	18	18	—	38. New post as from 1st October, 1933. See memorandum.
39.	Cook	£P. 5 p.m.	—	30	30	—	39. New post as from 1st October, 1933. See memorandum.
40.	Washerwoman	£P. 4 p.m.	—	24	24	—	40. New post as from 1st October, 1933. See memorandum.
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		19,873	20,615	2,172	1,430	

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		*Approved Estimates* 1932-33. £P.	*Estimates* 1933-34. £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks*
HEAD XII.—EDUCATION DEPARTMENT—*continued.*							
	B. Other Charges.						
41.	Transport and Travelling		320	320	—	—	
42.	Lighting and Heating		91	86	—	5	
43.	Contingencies		62	62	—	—	
44.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		90	90	—	—	
45.	Rations—School of Arts and Crafts		420	420	—	—	
46.	Rations—Es Salt Boarding School		—	400	400	—	46. New item. See memorandum.
47.	Books and School Equipment		1,150	1,150	—	—	
48.	Stores and Equipment—School of Arts and Crafts ..		550	550	—	—	
49.	Water		85	85	—	—	
50.	Training School fees		588	588	—	—	
51.	Cost of training 6 pupils in the Kadoorie Agricultural School		200	444	244	—	51. See memorandum.
52.	Improvement of School Gardens		—	50	50	—	52. See memorandum.
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		3,556	4,245	694	5	
	TOTAL EDUCATION DEPARTMENT		23,429	24,860	2,866	1,435	NET INCREASE £P.1,431.
HEAD XIII.—AGRICULTURE, FORESTS, AND VETERINARY.							
1.	Director	£P.38—2—46	552	552	—	—	
2.	1 Agricultural Assistant ...	£P.21—1—25	300	300	—	—	
3.	1 Agricultural Assistant ...	£P.17—½—20	240	—	—	240	
4.	2 Agricultural Assis ants ...	£P.17—½—20	—	306	306	—	4 New post as from 1st October, 1933, and change in holder of existing post
5.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
6.	2 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	178	160	—	18	6. Change in holders of posts.
7.	Orderly	£P. 3 p.m.	36	36	—	—	
	Districts.						
8.	6 Agricultural Officers	£P. 9—½—12	625	666	41	—	8. Change in holders of posts.
9.	9 Forest Guards	£P. 5 p.m.	540	—	—	540	9. See Item 10.
10.	10 Forest Guards	£P. 5 p.m.	—	570	570	—	10. One new post as from 1st October, 1933.
11	Overseer of Experimental Stations	£P. 7 p.m.	84	—	—	84	11. See Item 12.
12.	2 Overseers of Experimental Stations	£P. 7 p.m.	—	168	168	—	12. One new post as from 1st April, 1933.
13.	4 Gardeners in charge of Nurseries	£P. 6 p.m.	288	—	—	288	13. See Item 14.
14.	5 Gardeners in charge of Nurseries	£P. 6 p.m.	—	324	324	—	14. One new post as from 1st October, 1933
15.	Collector of Revenue (Amman) ...	£P. 5 p.m.	60	60	—	—	
	Veterinary.						
16.	Chief Veterinary Officer	£P.26—1—31	372	372	—	—	
17.	Veterinary Officer	£P.21—1—25	252	252	—	—	
18.	Assistant Veterinary Officer ...	£P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
19.	Syce	£P. 3 p.m.	—	36	36	—	19. Erroneously omitted in 1932-33.
20.	Compensatory Allowance		15	11	—	4	
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		3,830	4,101	1,445	1,174	
	B. Other Charges.						
21.	Transport and Travelling		550	600	50	—	
22.	Lighting and Heating		20	20	—	—	
23.	Contingencies		15	20	5	—	
24.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		100	75	—	25	
25.	Clothing		48	48	—	—	
26.	Veterinary Stores and Equipment		50	30	—	20	
27.	Training the inhabitants in olive oil extraction ...		150	150	—	—	27. No expenditure was incurred in 1932-33.
28.	Pruning and Afforestation		300	200	—	100	
29.	Upkeep of Nurseries and Experimental Stations ...		450	—	—	450	
30.	Upkeep of Nurseries		—	300	300	—	
31.	Labour for Nurseries and Experimental Stations ...		350	—	—	350	
32.	Labour for Nurseries		—	400	400	—	
33.	Maintenance of Experimental Stations...		—	300	300	—	
34.	Maintenance of El Ghor Nursery for Tropical Products		—	300	300	—	
35.	Maintenance of School Gardens at Experimental Stations		—	250	250	—	
36.	Purchase of Books		20	30	10	—	
37.	Subscription to Locust Intelligence Bureau (Damascus)		110	69	—	41	
38.	Subscription to Locust Control Committee (London)...		50	50	—	—	
39.	Epidemic Measures		500	250	—	250	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		2,713	3,092	1,615	1,236	
	TOTAL AGRICULTURE, FORESTS, &c....		6,543	7,193	3,060	2,410	NET INCREASE £P.650.

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		*Approved Estimates* 1932-33. £P.	*Estimates* 1933-34. £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
HEAD XIV.—ANTIQUITIES DEPARTMENT.						
A. Personal Emoluments.						
1. Director	£P.38—2—46	484	508	24	—	1. Annual increment.
2. Inspector	(Special)	700	700	—	—	
3. Assistant Inspector	£P.26—1—31	341	353	12	—	3. Annual increment.
4. Sub-Inspector	£P. 9—½—12	131	137	6	—	4. Annual increment.
5. Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	114	120	6	—	5. Annual increment.
6. Compensatory Allowance		21	22	1	—	
7. 5 Guards		318	318	—	—	7. 2 posts at £P.6, 2 at £P.5, and 1 at £P.4½ p.m.
8. Orderly		36	36	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		2,145	2,194	49	—	
B. Other Charges.						
9. Transport and Travelling		370	370	—	—	
10. Lighting and Heating		10	6	—	4	
11. Contingencies		5	3	—	2	
12. Clothing		15	18	3	—	
13. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		30	25	—	5	
14. Redemption		15	10	—	5	
15. Publications		20	20	—	—	
16. Maintenance of Antiquities		90	90	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		555	542	3	16	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		2,700	2,736	52	16	NET INCREASE £P.36
HEAD XV.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.						
A. Personal Emoluments.						
1. Director	£P.48—2—58	696	696	—	—	
2. 3 Technical Assistants	£P.26—1—31	1,116	1,116	—	—	
3. 2 Draughtsmen	£P.17—½—20	473	468	—	—	
4. Chief Clerk	£P.17—½—20	216	222	6	—	4. Annual increment.
5. Accountant	£P.13—½—16	186	192	6	—	5. Annual increment.
6. 1 Stores Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	144	144	—	—	
7. 1 Storekeeper	£P. 9—½—12	120	126	6	—	7. Annual increment.
8. 3 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	356	374	18	—	8. Annual increments.
9. 2 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	168	180	12	—	9. Annual increments.
10. Compensatory Allowances		20	50	30	—	10. Error in computation in 1932-33 and increments.
11. Orderlies, Stores Porters, &c.		150	150	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		3,645	3,718	78	5	
B. Other Charges.						
12. Transport and Travelling		700	700	—	—	
13. Lighting and Heating		15	15	—	—	
14. Contingencies		10	10	—	—	
15. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		80	100	20	—	15. Provision for 1932-33 is insufficient.
16. Drawing Materials		30	30	—	—	
17. Enginering Instruments		40	20	—	20	
18. Technical Books		20	20	—	—	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		895	895	20	20	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT		4,540	4,613	98	25	NET INCREASE £P.73.
HEAD XVA.—PUBLIC WORKS RECURRENT.						
1. Maintenance of Government Buildings		1,700	1,900	200	—	1. *Vide* memorandum.
2. Minor New Works		550	500	—	50	
3. Tools and Equipment		200	200	—	—	
4. Rents		5,100	5,240	140	—	4. Increase based on actual commitments.
5. Furniture, Government Offices		300	150	—	150	
6. Furniture, Schools		500	460	—	40	
7. Maintenance of Roads		8,500	8,900	400	—	7. *Vide* memorandum.
8. Maintenance of His Highness's Residence		200	200	—	—	
9. Maintenance and running of H.H's. electric light installation and water supply		450	450	—	—	
TOTAL PUBLIC WORKS RECURRENT		17,500	18,000	740	240	NET INCREASE £P.500.

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates 1932-33. £P.	Estimates 1933-34. £P.	Increase. £P.	Decrease. £P.	Remarks.
	Head XVI.—Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones.						
	A. Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Director	£P.38—2—46	552	552	—	—	
2.	Inspector	£P.17—½—20	216	222	6	—	2. Annual increment
3.	Accountant	£P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—	
4.	Cashier	£P.13—½—16	166	172	6	—	4. Annual increment.
5.	Chief Clerk	£P.13—½—16	165	171	6	—	5. Annual increment.
6.	Accounts Clerk	£P.13—½—16	161	167	6	—	6. Annual increment.
7.	2 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	239	251	12	—	7. Annual increments.
8.	Storekeeper	£P. 9—½—12	113	119	6	—	8. Annual increments.
9.	2 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	192	192	—	—	
	District Post Offices.						
10.	1 Postmaster	£P.17—½—20	210	210	—	—	
11.	3 Postmasters	£P.13—½—16	489	501	12	—	11. Two increments.
12.	Telegraph and Telephone Supervisor	£P.13—½—16	165	171	6	—	12. Annual increment.
13.	5 Postmasters	£P. 9—½—12	604	—	—	604	13. *Vide* Item 14.
14.	6 Postmasters	£P. 9—½—12	—	753	753	—	14. One new post and increments.
15.	4 Posts and Telegraphs Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	487	506	19	—	15. Increments.
16.	17 Posts and Telegraphs Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	1,495	1,561	66	—	16. Increments.
	Engineering Section.						
17.	Technical Officer	£P.21—1—25	300	300	—	—	
18.	Assistant Technical Officer	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
19.	Head Linesman	£P.13—½—16	168	174	6	—	19. Annual increment.
20.	2 Linesmen	£P. 6—½— 8	168	180	12	—	20. 2 increments.
21.	6 Linesmen	£P. 6 p.m.	432	432	—	—	
22.	15 Linesmen	£P. 5 p.m.	900	—	—	900	22. *Vide* Item 23.
23.	18 Linesmen	£P. 5 p.m.	—	1,080	1,080	—	23. 3 new posts. See memorandum.
24.	5 Apprentices	£P. 3½	210	210	—	—	
25.	*Postmen and Messengers* 12 at £P. 4 p.m. and 2 at £P. 3 p.m.		648	648	—	—	
26.	Labour		250	250	—	—	
27.	Compensatory Allowances		42	43	1	—	
	Total Personal Emoluments		8,804	9,297	1,997	1,504	
	B. Other Charges.						
28.	Transport and Travelling		700	775	75	—	28. *Vide* memorandum.
29.	Lighting and Heating		85	90	5	—	
30.	Contingencies		17	15	—	2	
31.	Clothing		90	200	110	—	31. *Vide* memorandum.
32.	Stores and Equipment		2,100	2,000	—	100	
33.	Transport of Mail		925	1,100	175	—	
34.	Commission to Postal Agents		20	20	—	—	
35.	Hijaz Railway for Ma'an Telegraph Line		211	137	—	74	
	Total Other Charges		4,148	4,337	365	176	
	Total Posts, Telegraphs and Telephones		12,952	13,634	2,362	1,680	Net Increase £P.682.
	Head XVII.—Lands Department.						
	A. Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Director	(Special)	1,000	1,000	—	—	
2.	Controller of State Domains	£P.26—1—31	372	372	—	—	
3.	Chief Clerk and Technical Assistant	£P.21—1—25	252	264	12	—	3. Annual increment.
4.	Clerk	£P.13—½—16	168	174	6	—	4. Annual increment.
5.	2 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	—	230	230	—	5. One post from Item 6 and 1 promotion from Item 7.
6.	Clerk	£P. 9—½—12	122	—	—	122	6. See Item 5.
7.	Clerk	£P. 6—½— 8	36	—	—	36	7. See Item 5.
	Surveys.						
8.	Director	(Special)	660	680	20	—	8. Annual increment.
9.	Chief Demarcation Officer	£P.32—1—37	408	420	12	—	9. Annual increment.
10.	Demarcation Officer	£P.26—1—31	312	324	12	—	10. Annual increment.
11.	3 Surveyors	£P.17—½—20	642	654	12	—	11. Annual increments.
12.	19 Surveyors	£P. 9—½—12	2,298	—	—	2,298	12. See Item 13.
13.	18 Surveyors	£P. 9—½—12	—	2,255	2,255	—	13. From Item 12.
14.	Chainmen		1,440	1,440	—	—	
15.	Labourers		1,450	1,450	—	—	
16.	Field Allowance		550	—	—	550	16. See memorandum.
	Land Registration.						
17.	Director of Land Registry	£P.26—1—31	348	360	12	—	17. Annual increment.
18.	Land Registry Officer	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
19.	3 Land Registry Officers	£P.13—½—16	561	573	12	—	19. Annual increment.
20.	2 Land Registry Officers	£P. 9—½—12	281	288	7	—	20. Annual increment.
21.	Clerk	£P. 6—½— 8	96	96	—	—	
	General.						
22.	Orderlies		144	144	—	—	
23.	Compensatory Allowance		30	30	—	—	
	Total Personal Emoluments		11,410	10,994	2,590	3,006	

	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		*Approved Estimates* 1932-33. £P.	*Estimates* 1933-34. £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease* £P.	*Remarks*
HEAD XVII.—LANDS DEPARTMENT—*continued.*							
	B. Other Charges.						
24.	Transport and Travelling		1,250	1,550	300	—	24. See memorandum.
25.	Lighting and Heating		30	30	—	—	
26.	Contingencies		100	100	—	—	
27.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		50	50	—	—	
28.	Technical Equipment		200	200	—	—	
29.	Tentage and Camp Equipment		150	150	—	—	
30.	Survey Marks		400	400	—	—	
31.	Boots for Labourers		50	100	50	—	31. See memorandum.
32.	Printing of Maps		500	200	—	300	
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		2,730	2,780	350	300	
	TOTAL LANDS DEPARTMENT		14,140	13,774	2,940	3,306	NET DECREASE £P.366.
HEAD XVIII.—POLICE AND PRISONS.							
	A.—Police.						
	A. Personal Emoluments.						
1.	Commandant	£P.850—50—1050	1.050	1,050	—	—	
2.	Expatriation Allowance		150	150	—	—	
3.	Second in Command and O.C.D.C.P.		800	800	—	—	
4.	Expatriation Allowance		150	150	—	—	
5.	Assistant Commandant	£P.550—25—750	510	700	190	—	5. Provision for 9 months in 1932-33 and increment.
6.	Expatriation Allowance		75	100	25	—	6. Provision for 9 months in 1932-33.
7.	Accountant	£P.300—10—550	453	463	10	—	7. Increment.
8.	Expatriation Allowance		50	50	—	—	
9.	Paymaster	£P.17—½—20	210	216	6	—	9. Increment.
10.	Stores Officer	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—	
11.	1 Armourer	£P. 8 p.m.	96	96	—	—	
12.	2 Saddlers	£P. 6 p.m.	144	144	—	—	
13.	1 Wireless Telegraph Mechanic ...	£P.10 p.m.	120	120	—	—	
14.	9 Wireless Telegraph Operators ...	£P. 7 p.m.	756	—	—	756	
15.	10 Wireless Telegraph Operators	£P. 7 p.m.	—	840	840	—	15. In order to have reserve.
16.	2 Clerks	£P.21—1—25	465	552	87	—	16. Temporary reduction in 1932-33 and change of holder
17.	4 Clerks	£P.13—½—16	708	726	18	—	17. Increments.
18.	5 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	666	660	—	6	18. Change of holder and increments.
19.	3 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	252	—	—	252	
20.	6 Clerks	£P. 6—½— 8	—	540	540	—	20. Two from Item 38 and one from Item 39, and increments.
21.	1 Power House Mechanic... ...	£P.12 p.m.	144	144	—	—	
22.	1 Qaim Assistant Commandant ...	£P.38—2—46	504	528	24	—	22. Increment.
23.	1 Qaid	£P.32—1—37	408	420	12	—	23. Increment.
24.	3 Wakil Qaids	£P.26—1—31	1,008	1,044	36	—	24. Increments.
25.	3 Rais	£P.21—1—25	900	900	—	—	
26.	16 Mulazim Awal	£P.17—½—20	3,840	3,840	—	—	
27.	3 Mulazimin Tani	£P.13—½—16	576	576	—	—	
28.	3 Cadets	£P.10 p.m.	216	360	144	—	28. Increase in salary due on expiry of probation approved in Secretary of State's telegram No. 32 of 27th April, 1932.*
29.	10 Wakils, 1st Class	£P. 9—½—12	1,320	1,302	—	18	
30.	10 Wakils, 2nd Class	£P. 9 p.m.	1,080	1,080	—	—	
31.	43 Naibs	£P. 7 p.m.	3,612	3,612	—	—	
32.	70 Areefs	£P. 6 p.m.	5,040	5,040	—	—	
33.	519 Jundi	£P. 5 p.m.	31,140	31,140	—	—	
34.	17 Jundi	£P. 2 p.m.	408	408	—	—	
35.	6 Cavalrymen	£P. 6 p.m.	432	432	—	—	35. Emir's Special Guard.
36.	8 Amin Seria, 1st Class	£P. 8½ p.m.	816	816	—	—	
37.	9 Amin Seria, 2nd Class	£P. 7½ p.m.	810	810	—	—	
38.	2 Passport Inspectors	£P. 8 p.m.	192	—	—	192	38. Graded. See Item 20.
39.	1 Passport Clerk	£P. 6—½— 8	78	—	—	78	39. See Item 20.
40.	1 Imam	£P. 5 p.m.	60	60	—	—	
41.	9 Motor Drivers, 1st Class ...	£P. 9 p.m.	972	972	—	—	
42.	6 Motor Drivers, 2nd Class ..	£P. 5 p.m.	360	360	—	—	
43.	Fitters' Allowance at £P.1 p.m. to 4 Drivers... ...		48	48	—	—	
44.	Desert Allowance to 4 Wireless Telegraph Operators ...		144	144	—	—	
	Urban Police.						
45.	1 Wakil Qaid	£P.26—1—31	336	348	12	—	45. Increment.
46.	1 Traffic Inspector...	£P.290—10—340 Plus £P.40	380	380	—	—	
47.	1 Legal Adviser	£P.21—1—25	276	288	12	—	47. Increment.
48.	1 Mufawad, 1st Class	£P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—	
49.	10 Mufawads, 2nd Class... ...	£P. 8 p.m.	960	960	—	—	
50.	9 Mufawads, 3rd Class	£P. 7 p.m.	756	756	—	—	
51.	75 Constables	£P. 6 p.m.	5,400	5,400	—	—	
52.	2 Clerks	£P. 9—½—12	234	216	—	18	52. Change of holders.
53.	Compensatory Allowance		70	76	6	—	
54.	Personal Allowance		150	150	—	—	
	TOTAL POLICE PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		69,757	70,399	1,962	1,320	

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	Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.		Approved Estimates 1932-33. £P.	Estimates 1933-34. £P.	Increase. £P.	Decrease £P.		Remarks.
HEAD XVIII.—POLICE AND PRISONS—*continued.*								
	B. Other Charges.							
55.	Forage Allowance		9,414	10,000	586	—	55.	Temporary reduction 1932 33.
56.	Clothing, Purchase of		7,195	7,195	—	—		
57.	Compensation for loss of animals		300	300	—	—		
58.	Veterinary		20	—	—	20	58.	Not required.
59.	Equipment		650	600	—	50		
60.	Saddlery		650	600	—	50		
61.	Transport and Travelling		2,350	2,400	50	—	61.	Temporary reduction 1932-33.
62.	Furniture		200	200	—	—		
63.	Lighting and Heating		475	525	50	—	63.	Increase in outposts.
64.	Upkeep of Telephones		25	—	—	25	64.	Not required.
65.	Secret Service (Police)		400	400	—	—		
66.	Secret Service (Desert Patrol)		1,500	1,500	—	—		
67.	Contingencies		100	125	25	—	67.	Temporary reduction 1932-33.
68.	Pension Contribution		440	370	—	70	68.	Reduced to 12½ per cent.
69.	Purchase of Water		125	125	—	—		
70.	Miscellaneous Stores		150	150	—	—		
71.	Cost-of-Living Allowance		135	165	30	—	71.	Item 5.
72.	Photographic and Finger Print Equipment		75	75	—	—		
73.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		2,400	2,200	—	200		
74.	Tentage		150	150	—	—		
75.	Insurance of Stores		21	41	20	—	75.	Premium increased.
76.	Petrol and Maintenance of Transport		3,950	3,950	—	—		
77.	Upkeep of Wireless		210	210	—	—		
78.	Maintenance of Armament		124	150	26	—	78.	Temporary reduction 1932-33.
79.	Ammunition		100	550	450	—	79.	Yearly training and reserve.
	TOTAL POLICE OTHER CHARGES		31,159	31,981	1,237	415		
	TOTAL POLICE		100,916	102,380	3,199	1,735	NET INCREASE £P.1,464.	
	B.—Prisons.							
	A. Personal Emoluments.							
1.	Mulazim Awal	£P.17—½—20	240	240	—	—		
2.	Mulazim Tani	£P.13—½—16	192	192	—	—		
3.	1 Amin Seria, 1st Class	£P. 8½ p.m.	102	102	—	—		
4.	6 Warders, 1st Class	£P. 8 p.m.	288	576	288	—	4.	Provision in 1932-33 was for the period 1st April 1932, to 30th September, 1932.
5.	6 Warders, 2nd Class	£P. 7 p.m.	252	504	252	—	5.	
6.	5 Warders, 1st Class	£P. 9—½—12	270	—	—	270	6.	Reverted to old rates. Provision in 1932-33 was for the period 1st October, 1932, to 31st March, 1933.
7.	8 Warders, 2nd Class	£P. 6—½— 8	288	—	—	288	7.	Reverted to old rates.
8.	3 Warders, 3rd Class	£P. 5½ p.m.	99	—	—	99	8.	Reverted to old rates.
9.	1 Wardress	£P. 6 p.m.	72	72	—	—		
10.	83 Prison Guards	£P. 5 p.m.	4,980	4,980	—	—		
11.	Compensatory Allowance		5	—	—	5		
12.	Personal Allowance		24	12	—	12		
	TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS		6,812	6,678	540	674		
	B. Other Charges.							
13.	Clothing, Prison Personnel		740	740	—	—		
14.	Clothing, Prisoners'		750	850	100	—	14.	Increase in prisoners.
15.	Rations, Prisoners'		3,400	4,000	600	—	15.	Increase in prisoners and cost of rations.
16.	Transport and Travelling		275	275	—	—		
17.	Furniture		100	100	—	—		
18.	Equipment		200	200	—	—		
19.	Lighting and Heating		200	225	25	—	19.	Increase in prisoners.
20.	Contingencies		20	30	10	—	20.	Increase in prisoners.
21.	Soap		110	130	20	—	21.	Increase in prisoners.
22.	Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones		120	—	—	120	22.	Included in Police.
23.	Materials for prison industries		25	50	25	—	23.	Temporary reduction 1932-33.
	TOTAL OTHER CHARGES		5,940	6,600	780	120		
	TOTAL PRISONS		12,752	13,278	1,320	794	NET INCREASE £P.526.	
HEAD XIX.—MISCELLANEOUS.								
1.	Typewriters		250	350	100	—	1.	£P.100 for purchase of duplicator and an English typewriter.
2.	Safes		100	100	—	—		
3.	Transport of Specie		75	75	—	—		
4.	Contribution to Agricultural Bank		3,500	3,500	—	—		
5.	Commission to Stamp Vendors		15	15	—	—		
6.	Stamp Dies and Printing of Stamps		120	70	—	50		
7.	Pension Contribution to Palestine Government		950	600	—	350		
8.	Printing and Stationery		3,050	3,050	—	—		
9.	Sundries		748	700	—	48		
10.	Crown Agents' expenses		150	200	50	—	10.	Provision in 1932-33 is insufficient.
11.	Entertainment of Distinguished Guests		—	100	100	—	11.	See memorandum.
12.	Repatriation		—	50	50	—		
	TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS		8,958	8,810	300	448	NET DECREASE £P.148.	

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Approved Estimates* 1932-33. £P.	*Estimates* 1933-34. £P.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.	*Remarks.*
HEAD XX.—BRITISH RESIDENT.					
A. Personal Emoluments.					
1. British Resident	1,600	1,600	—	—	
2. Assistant British Resident	960	985	25	—	2. Increment.
3. Superintendent	460	470	10	—	3. Increment.
4. Clerk, Grade II	280	280	—	—	
5. Clerk, Grade III	210	216	6	—	5. Increment.
6. 2 Clerks, Grade IV	330	342	12	—	6. Increments.
7. Clerk, Grade III (new Grade)	108	96	—	12	
8. Compensatory Allowance	12	13	1	—	8. Arising out of increment of £P.10 (Item 3).
9. Driver	180	180	—	—	
10. Qawas	84	84	—	—	
11. Orderly	48	48	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	4,272	4,314	54	12	NET INCREASE £P.42.
B. Other Charges.					
12. Entertainment Allowance	300	300	—	—	
13. Cost-of-Living Allowance	154	154	—	—	
14. Animal Allowance	60	60	—	—	
15. Transport	350	350	—	—	
16. Rents	456	415	—	41	16. Decrease due to rents paid in advance.
17. Lighting and Heating	15	15	—	—	
18. Contingencies	15	15	—	—	
19. Furniture	5	5	—	—	
20. Subsistence Allowance	65	65	—	—	
21. Medical	10	10	—	—	
22. Maintenance and Repairs	100	250	150	—	
23. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	180	180	—	—	
24. Printing and Stationery	10	10	—	—	
25. Relief	5	5	—	—	
26. Assisted Passages	—	102	102	—	
27. Pension Contributions	565	369	—	196	27. Reduction in amount payable from 20 per cent. to 12½ per cent.
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	2,290	2,305	252	237	
TOTAL BRITISH RESIDENT	6,562	6,619	306	249	NET INCREASE £P.57

HEAD XXI.—AUDIT DEPARTMENT.					
A. Personal Emoluments					
1. Auditor (Special Allowance)	200	200	—	—	2. Annual increment.
2. Chief Examiner £P.48—2—58	648	672	24	—	3. Annual increment.
3. Clerk £P.26—1—31	360	372	12	—	4. Annual increment.
4. Clerk £P.21—1—25	281	293	12	—	5. Provision in 1932-33 insufficient.
5. 2 Clerks £P.17—½—20	470	480	10	—	6. Annual increments.
6. 4 Clerks £P. 9—½—12	544	560	16	—	7. Annual increments.
7. 5 Clerks £P. 6—½— 8	453	461	8	—	
8. Compensatory Allowances	8	8	—	—	
9. Orderlies	60	60	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	3,024	3,106	82	—	
B. Other Charges.					
10. Transport and Travelling	345	309	—	36	
11. Lighting and Heating	7	12	5	—	
12. Contingencies	8	8	—	—	
13. Postage, Telegrams, and Telephones	25	25	—	—	
14. Share of Home Expenditure	74	50	—	24	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	459	404	5	60	
TOTAL AUDIT DEPARTMENT	3,483	3,510	87	60	NET INCREASE £P.27.
HEAD XXII.—TRIBAL CONTROL BOARD.					
A. Personal Emoluments.					
1. His Highness the Amir Shakir	840	840	—	—	
2. Clerk £P.17—½—20	216	216	—	—	
3. Nominated Member	60	60	—	—	
TOTAL PERSONAL EMOLUMENTS	1,116	1,116	—	—	
B. Other Charges.					
4. Transport and Travelling	150	100	—	50	
TOTAL OTHER CHARGES	150	100	—	50	
TOTAL TRIBAL CONTROL BOARD	1,266	1,216	—	50	NET DECREASE £P.50
HEAD XXIII.—TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE ORDINARY.					
1. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Ordinary	29,815	30,715	900	—	
TOTAL TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE ORDINARY	29,815	30,715	900	—	NET INCREASE £P.900

Head and Sub-Head of Expenditure.	*Original Estimate.*	*Actual Expenditure to 30th September, 1932.*	*Estimated Further Expenditure to 31st March, 1933.*	*Expenditure 1933-34*	*Remarks.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
Head XXIV.—Public Works Extraordinary.					
Buildings.					
1. Repairs, Kerak Governorate	1,200	—	90	100	
2. Repairs, Kerak School	2,000	—	370	400	
3. Repairs to His Highness's Residence	1,000	—	300	200	
4. Repairs to Police Offices, Kerak	200	—	—	70	
5. Additions and improvements to Central Prison and Arab Legion Reserve Camp at Amman	2,000	—	—	700	5. *Vide* memorandum.
6. Repairs to Boys' School, Irbid	190	—	—	90	
7. Repairs and Improvements to Government Offices, Ma'an	150	—	—	150	
8. Construction of Customs Post at El Hameh	400	—	—	400	8. *Vide* memorandum.
9. Construction of Customs Post at Jisr Sheikh Hussein	125	—	—	125	9. *Vide* memorandum.
10. Additions to Customs Post, Remtha	150	—	—	50	
11. Additions to Customs Post, Jisr Mejamia	50	—	—	50	
12. Additions of Bathroom and Women's cell to Irbid Prison	150	—	—	150	
13. Stable for Shunit Nimrin Police Post	50	—	—	50	
14. Improvements to Ajlun Prison	140	—	—	140	
15. Improvements Jisr Sheikh Hussein Police Post ...	50	—	—	50	
16. Construction of Upper Storey, Es Salt school ...	2,000	—	—	2,000	16. *Vide* Covering letter and memorandum.
17. Additional Accommodation for Arts and Crafts school, Amman	125	—	—	125	17. *Vide* memorandum.
Roads.					
18. Reconstruction Amman-Es Salt Road	20,000	11,914	2,127	2,000	
19. Reconstruction Es Salt-Allenby Bridge Road	35.000	—	1,000	1,000	
20. Raising and Metalling a section of the Irbid-Remha Road	200	—	—	200	
21. Raising and Metalling a section of the Irbid-Jisr El Mejamia Road	200	—	—	200	
22. Repair of Wadi-Zerka Bridge on Jerash Road ...	250	—	—	250	
Total Public Works Extraordinary				8,500	
Head XXV.—Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary.					
1. Public Security Lines:— Kerak to Ghor Mezra' and Ghor Safi; Es Salt to Jisr Damieh ... ...; Ajlun to Ghor Kreyma ... ...; Kerak to El Hameh	3,350	1,460	—	2,140	1. *Vide* memorandum.
2. New Telephone Exchanges, Amman	700	—	—	700	2. *Vide* memorandum.
Total Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary ...				2,840	
Head XXVI.—Police and Prisons Extraordinary.					
1. Arms and Ammunition	800	—	—	800	1. *Vide* memorandum.
2. Purchase of cars for Desert Patrol	2,750	—	—	2,750	2. *Vide* memorandum.
Total Police and Prisons Extraordinary ...				3,550	
Head XXVII.—Printing.					
1. Printing and binding 1,000 copies of a volume of Trans-Jordan Law in Arabic	400	—	—	400	
Total Printing Extraordinary				400	
Head XXVIII.—Public Health Extraordinary.					
1. Purchase of one Delepine Thresh Disinfector	275	—	—	275	1. *Vide* memorandum.
Total Public Health Extraordinary				275	
Head XXIX.—Write-off of Public Money.					
1. Irrecoverable Loans to cultivators	1,126	—	—	1,126	1. *Vide* memorandum.
2. Other amounts	750	—	—	750	2. *Vide* memorandum.
Total Write-off of Public Money				1,876	
Head XXX.—Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary					
1. 1/6th of the Extraordinary Expenditure	3,080	—	—	3,080	
Total Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary		—	—	3,080	

C. 97806/32 [No. 8].

No. 29.

MR. F. J. HOWARD (COLONIAL OFFICE)

to

MR. W. R. L. TRICKETT (TREASURY).

DEAR TRICKETT, Downing Street, 13th January, 1933.

WITH reference to Treasury letter S. 35961/01/33 of the 15th November,* I enclose a copy of the High Commissioner's despatch,† with enclosures, on the Trans-Jordan draft Estimates for 1933-34. You will see that the High Commissioner asks for a grant-in-aid of £81,434, but we hope to be able to reduce this figure to £65,000.

That, however, would be an absolute minimum; it would not allow for anti-locust measures or relief works; and, so far as one can see, it would leave no margin for emergencies such as tax-remission or essential unforeseen expenditure. Our official letter will follow in a few days' time, but I thought that you would like to see this despatch in advance.

Yours, &c.,
F. J. HOWARD.

C. 97806/32 [No. 9].

No. 30.

COLONIAL OFFICE to TREASURY.

[*Answered by No.* 32.]

SIR, Downing Street, 16th January, 1933.

I AM directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to refer to the semi-official letter from this Department of the 13th January,‡ forwarding a copy of the detailed Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the financial year 1933-34, from which the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury will have observed that, excluding grants-in-aid and expenditure on the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, the estimated financial position of the territory, after the Estimates have been revised as recommended by the High Commissioner, is as follows:—

	£P.
Estimated Expenditure	329,534
Estimated Revenue	248,100
Deficit	81,434

2. In Treasury letter (No. S. 35961/01/33) of the 15th November, 1932,* Their Lordships stated that, on the information then before them, they could not agree to the insertion of the figure of £85,250 (which had then been suggested provisionally) as a grant-in-aid The detailed Estimates have now been examined in this Department, and I am to submit, for Their Lordships' consideration, the following observations:—

No increase in revenue has been allowed for on account of various proposals approved by the Secretary of State for increasing the revenue of the Trans-Jordan Administration, *i.e.*, Land Tax, Income Tax, Trade Licences, and Sharia Court Fees. In Treasury letter (No. S. 35961/01/32) of the 9th January,§ Their Lordships stated that they could not agree to make good a budgetary deficit in so far as it was due to action taken by the Legislative Council in opposition to the views of His Majesty's Government. The Secretary of State has accordingly increased the Estimates of Revenue by £P.10,200 made up as follows:—

	£P.
(1) Income Tax and Trade Licences	3,200
(2) Land Tax Law	6,000
(3) Sharia Court Fees	1,000,

and he proposes, if Their Lordships agree, to inform the High Commissioner that it should be left to the Trans-Jordan Government to decide whether to adopt these

* No. 27. † No. 28. ‡ No. 29. § No. 103 in Middle East No. 45.

proposals or to submit recommendations for increasing the revenue in some other way or for curtailing expenditure by an equivalent amount. The grant-in-aid asked for would thus be reduced to £71,234.

As regards the detailed Estimates of Expenditure, which, in spite of normal increases, show a reduction on the figure suggested for the current financial year by the Financial Commission, Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister is not prepared to point to any specific headings on which any particular curtailment could be effected, and he desires to associate himself with the views expressed in the latter part of paragraph 6 of Sir Arthur Wauchope's despatch. Having regard, however, to the pressing need for economy, he is prepared to recommend, if Their Lordships so desire, that the High Commissioner should be asked to effect a cut of £6,234 in the Expenditure Estimates, but to leave it to the Trans-Jordan Administration to select the items on which the reductions are to be made, thus reducing the grant-in-aid from His Majesty's Government to £65,000. This figure is, in his opinion, the lowest to which the grant-in-aid could possibly be reduced. since no allowance whatsoever has been made for remissions of taxation, which may be necessary if there is an extensive failure of crops or serious loss of animals in 1933; for relief works or for anti-locust measures. It assumes a working balance of £P.4,000 both on the 31st March, 1933, and 31st March, 1934. The reductions which are contemplated in the estimated expenditure will be severe and especially so if efforts to induce the Legislative Council to pass the new revenue bills prove unavailing; and the possibility must be faced that, if during the year additional expenditure becomes urgently necessary, the Secretary of State may have no alternative but to approach Their Lordships with a view to Parliament being invited to make supplementary provision.

3. I am to enclose, for Their Lordships' information, a memorandum prepared in this Office, on certain details of the Estimates, together with a statement showing the Estimates as now revised. A copy of a despatch* which is being addressed to the High Commissioner is also enclosed.

4. I am to ask for the favour of an early reply to this letter.

I am, &c.,
O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

Enclosure 1 in No. 30.

MEMORANDUM ON THE TRANS-JORDAN DRAFT ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1933-34.

N.B.—No provision has been made during the current year for the Trans-Jordan Government's share of the cost of the Trans-Jordan-'Iraq frontier survey, estimated at £875, see the Secretary of State's despatch No. 265 of the 21st November, 1932.† It is assumed that the grant-in-aid for the current year (£72,000) will be increased to £72,875.

1. *Revenue* (*excluding grant-in-aid*).

		£P.
(*a*) 1.	Approved Estimates 1932-33	250,660
2.	Revised Estimates 1932-33	243,005
3.	Financial Commission's Estimate 1932-33	273,000
(*b*)	Draft Estimates 1933-34	248,100

The difference between (*b*) and (*a*) 3 is accounted for by the world depression and by recent crop failures. For example the Financial Commission estimated that Head I, Customs and Excise, would bring in nearly £80,000, and Head II, Licences and Taxes, over £142,000, whereas the present estimates are £62,500 and £133,000 respectively.

The difference between (*b*) and (*a*) 1 is mainly accounted for by a reduction of £2,300 in Head II, Licences and Taxes.

Head II.

Sub-Head 8. *Taxes, Animal.*—It is perhaps open to doubt whether an increase of £1,500 over the anticipated collections for the current year is justified.

* No. 31. † C. 98194/32 [No. 107]: not printed.

Sub-Heads 9, 11, 12, *and* 17. *House and Land Tax, Tithe, &c.*—It will be observed that remissions of taxation on the same scale as in the two previous years are not provided for. [In a recent despatch, No. 219 of 17th December, 1932,* the High Commissioner asked for the remission of £8,339 Tithe, &c.]

Head III.

Sub-Head 4. *Notary Public Fees.*—A steady decline since 1927-28. The High Commissioner will be requested to submit further information on this question.

Sub-Head 14. *Pension Contribution.*—Increase of £1,950. See paragraph 5 of High Commissioner's despatch. The High Commissioner will be asked to furnish further information on this point

2. *Expenditure (excluding Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary).*

		£
(*a*) 1.	Approved Estimates 1932-33	325,133
2.	Revised Estimates 1932-33	318,405
3.	Financial Commission's Estimate 1932-33	332,000
(*b*)	Draft Estimates 1933-34	330,600

The difference between (*a*) 1 and (*b*) is accounted for by small increases on almost all the Heads of ordinary expenditure.

Head IX.

Item 22. *Cost of animal enumeration.*—For explanation of increase, see paragraph 5 of High Commissioner's despatch. The High Commissioner will be asked to submit further information to show why such a large increase in the fee is necessary.

Head XIII.

Item 35.—The title of this item should read "Maintenance of School Gardens at Experimental Stations."

Head XIX.

Item 7. *Pension Contributions to Palestine Government.*—Contributions reduced in accordance with decisions contained in the Secretary of State's Circular despatch of 10th December, 1930.†

Head XX.

Item 26.—The sum of £102 has been provided for Assisted Passages. It is assumed that passage grants will be made on the same terms and conditions as those recently approved by the Secretary of State in respect of the Palestine Service.

Head XXIV.

For increase and decrease see statement of revised estimates of expenditure. The total of this Head will be £8,300 as against a maximum of £10,000 laid down by the Financial Commission (see paragraph 302 of their Report).

Head XXVI.

Item 2. *Cars for Desert Patrol.*—If Ford cars are purchased instead of Commers, a saving of £1,080 will be effected. Since the Ford chassis can be purchased from Dagenham it is recommended that this should be approved.

Colonial Office,
January, 1933.

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* C. 97722/32 [No. 23]: not printed. † Not reprinted.

Enclosure 2 in No. 30.

STATEMENT.

REVISED ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE FOR 1933-34.

	£P.	£P.
Draft Estimates of Revenue (excluding grant-in-aid)		248,100
Increases:—		
(1) Income tax and trade licences	3,200	
(2) Land tax law	6,000	
(3) Revision of Sharia Court fees	1,000	
		10,200
Revised Estimate of Revenue ...		£P.258,300

	£P.	£P.
Draft Estimates of Expenditure (excluding Trans-Jordan Frontier Force and Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary		330,600
Increases.		
(1) Head XVII, Item 16, Field Allowance ...	550	
Head XVIIIA, additional British Officer, Arab Legion ...	550	
Head XXIV, Construction of Rum Fort ...	1,800	
Head XII, Instruction of 2 schoolmasters ...	144	
See paragraph 3 of High Commissioner's despatch		
	£P.3,044	
Decreases.		
(1) Head XII, Items 36-40 and 46, and Head XXIV, Item 16, deleted, see paragraph 2 of High Commissioner's despatch	3,030	
(2) Head XXVI, Item 2, reduced from £2,750 to £1,670 see paragraph 4 of High Commissioner's despatch and paragraph 5 of British Resident's letter	1,080	
(3) Cut of £6,234 on items to be selected by the Trans-Jordan Government ...	6,234	
	10,344	
	3,044	
Leaving a net decrease of ...		7,300
Revised estimates of expenditure...		323,300
Revised estimate of revenue ...		258,300
Grant-in-Aid ...		£P.65,000

C. 97806/32 [No. 10].

No. 31.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(No. 8.)

Downing Street, 16th January, 1933.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to acknowledge the receipt of your despatch No. 220 of the 17th December, 1932,* forwarding copies of the draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Trans-Jordan Administration for the financial year 1933-1934,

* No. 28.

as approved by the Executive Council, together with copies of a memorandum prepared by the Financial Adviser and of an explanatory letter from the British Resident.

2. I enclose, for your information, a copy of a letter,* with enclosures, addressed to the Treasury, from which you will observe that it has been found necessary to recommend a reduction of the grant-in-aid which His Majesty's Government will be asked to supply, to £65,000. I would invite your attention in particular to the observations contained in the letter on the question of increasing the revenue, with which I feel sure you will agree. I shall address a further communication to you as soon as a reply is received from Their Lordships.

3. I take this opportunity to express my appreciation both of the expedition with which the request made in my telegram No. 161 of the 22nd November, 1932,† was complied with, and of the careful manner in which the Estimates were prepared.

I have, &c.,
P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

17798/33 [No. 1].

No. 32.

TREASURY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

[*Answered by No.* 41.]

(S. 35961/01/33.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 28th January, 1933.

I HAVE laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams's letter of the 16th instant,* on the subject of the 1933-34 Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Administration and They direct me to request you to convey to the Secretary of State the following reply.

2. My Lords note that the Estimates, as recommended by the High Commissioner, show a deficit of £81,434. They have already indicated in Treasury letter of the 15th November, 1932,‡ that They are not prepared to provide a grant-in-aid of this magnitude.

3. The Secretary of State now proposes to reduce the prospective deficit by making allowance for certain proposed increases in revenue, viz. :—

	£
Income Tax and Trade Licences	3,200
Land Tax	6,000
Sharia Court Fees	1,000
	£10,200

My Lords agree that it may be left to the High Commissioner to decide whether to adopt these proposals or to submit recommendations for increasing the revenue in some other way or for curtailing expenditure by an equivalent amount. Action at an early date is, however, essential.

4. The Secretary of State is further prepared to ask the High Commissioner to make reductions totalling £6,234 on such items of the expenditure estimates as he may select.

5. These measures would reduce the prospective deficit for 1933-34 to £65,000. This amount is in excess of the deficit contemplated by the Financial Commissioners in their Report of July, 1931, and, in normal circumstances, My Lords would press for further reductions. Having regard, however, to the recent bad harvests in Trans-Jordan and the falling-off of revenue receipts, They are prepared to approve the Estimates for 1933-34 on the basis of a deficit of £65,000 and to include provision for that amount in the 1933 Estimate for Colonial and Middle Eastern Services as a grant-in-aid.

6. The Secretary of State points out that the Trans-Jordan Estimates make no provision for remissions of taxation, relief works, or anti-locust measures in 1933, and states that if, during the year, additional expenditure becomes urgently necessary the possibility must be faced of inviting Parliament to make supplementary provision. In the present financial situation of this country My Lords cannot contemplate the presentation of a supplementary estimate, and They must, therefore, ask that the

* No 30. † C. 97806/32 [No. 5]: not printed. ‡ No. 27.

High Commissioner should be warned that any unforeseen expenditure or any shortfall of revenue must be met by further measures for reducing expenditure or increasing revenue in other directions.

7. My Lords will be glad to be informed in due course of the High Commissioner's detailed proposals for reducing the deficit shown in the draft Estimates from £81,434 to £65,000. In particular They desire to know whether the Secretary of State's estimate of £6,000 for additional revenue from Land Tax represents the anticipated receipts for a full year and, if so, whether it would not be possible to amend the Land Tax proposals so as to secure the full addition of £10,000 mentioned on page 176 of the Report of the Financial Commissioners

No provision is made in the Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Syria Boundary Commission. My Lords assume that the Secretary of State is satisfied that no expenditure on this service will fall to be met in 1933-34.

I am, &c.,
R V NIND HOPKINS.

17798/33 [No. 3].

No. 33.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 3 p.m., 18th February, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

[*Answered by No.* 34]

No. 20. YOUR Secret despatch of 31st January.* Please inform me of position regarding claim for increased share in customs duties collected in Palestine referred to in paragraph 5 of Cox's letter of 11th January If final agreement has been reached with Palestine I assume amount of £P.20,704 payable in 1932-33 was taken into account in forecast of revenue enclosed in your despatch of 2nd of February No. 26.† I also assume that sum of £P.8,870 payable in 1933-34 should be added to estimate of revenue for financial year 1933-34. Please telegraph reply early.—CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

17798/33 [No. 4].

No 34.

TRANS-JORDAN

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 11.25 a.m., 2nd March, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

2ND MARCH. No. 25. Your telegram No. 20.‡ Your telegram No. 22.§ Trans-Jordan's claim for increased share of customs duties collected in Palestine. Final agreement has been reached to recommend an increase by £7,500 of annual payments by Palestine to Trans-Jordan of £25,500 per annum with effect from 1st October, 1931. No account was taken of this item either in forecast enclosed in my despatch No. 26 of 2nd February† or in estimate of revenue for financial year 1933-34.

My recommendations above involves (*a*) a payment of £11,250 in respect of period 1st October, 1931. to 31st March, 1933, (*b*) a payment of £7,500 per annum with effect from 1st April, 1933.

The payment under (*a*) will be treated as a refund of customs for the period and latest revised estimate of customs revenue is considerably greater than that previously notified.

* 17772/33 [No. 5]: not printed. † 17768/33 [No. 1]: not printed.
‡ No 33. § 17768/33 [No 7]: not printed

The payment under (*b*) will be met from provision in draft Palestine Estimates 1933-34 under Head 28, Miscellaneous, Item 33, drawback Customs Duties. The provision in draft Estimates for 1933-34 for payment to Trans-Jordan is £25,500, but this is subject to reduction by amount of customs duties on goods in transit. The net payment to Trans-Jordan in 1931-32 was £9,216 so that existing provision of £25,500 in draft Estimates is more than sufficient to meet increased payments.

17798/33 [No. 5].

No. 35.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

[*Answered by No.* 40.]

(No. 34.)

SIR, Downing Street, 10th March, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to refer to the correspondence ending with my despatch No. 8 of the 16th of January,* regarding the draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1933-1934, and to transmit to you a copy of the reply† received from the Treasury to the letter addressed to them on the 16th of January.‡

2. You will observe that the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury agree to the proposals made to them that the grant-in-aid of the Trans-Jordan Administration should be fixed at £65,000, and that, while they are content to leave the Trans-Jordan Government to decide in what manner the resulting deficit of £P.16,434 should be made good, they have asked to be informed how it is proposed that this should be effected. I shall accordingly be glad if you will furnish me in due course with detailed proposals in this respect for communication to the Treasury.

3. You will have seen from Colonial Office letter to the Treasury of the 16th of January that the estimate of revenue has been increased by £10,200 on the assumption that certain laws dealing with land tax, trade licences, income tax, and Sharia Court fees will be passed by the Legislative Council. I am addressing you separately on this subject. I would, however, invite attention to paragraph 7 of the accompanying letter from the Treasury in which Their Lordships ask whether the estimate of £6,000 for additional revenue from land tax represents the anticipated receipts for a full year. The figure of £6,000 in this connexion was inserted in the draft Estimates on the basis of the information contained in your telegram No. 8 of the 25th of January, 1932,§ but it is noticed that in paragraph 4 of the British Resident's letter of the 18th June, 1932 (a copy of which accompanied your despatch No. 131 of the 16th July, 1932‖) the increased revenue from the proposed new land tax is estimated at £P.9,400. I shall be glad if you will furnish me with your observations on this point when replying to this despatch.

4 As regards the last paragraph of the Treasury letter, it seems probable that certain expenditure will be incurred during the coming financial year in connexion with the negotiation of the *Bon Voisinage* Agreement between Trans-Jordan and Syria, and the Commission to examine the question of water rights in the Yarmuk Valley. You will no doubt bear these two contingencies in mind when framing your proposals for a reduction of the deficit.

5. When submitting your proposals, you will, no doubt, also take account of any provision which you may desire to make in connexion with the education of the Bedouin.

6. From the recent telegraphic correspondence ending with your telegram No. 25 of the 2nd of March,¶ I observe that a recommendation has been made that Trans-Jordan's share of the Customs duties collected in Palestine should be increased by £P.7,500 per annum with effect from the 1st of October, 1931, and that the effect of this recommendation will be that a sum of £P.11,250 will be payable in respect of the period from the 1st of October, 1931, to the 31st of March, 1933. The additional revenue of £P.7,500 thus obtained in 1933 you will, of course, take into account when

* No. 31. † No. 32. ‡ No. 30. § C. 97746/32 [No. 1A]: not printed.
‖ C. 97746/32 [No. 12]: not printed. ¶ No. 34.

framing the revised Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure; and there would appear to be no objection to this sum being utilized either to obviate the necessity for the cut in expenditure of £6,234 referred to in paragraph 2 of the Colonial Office letter to the Treasury of the 16th of January or to effect any loss of revenue caused by the failure of the Legislative Council to enact the laws mentioned in paragraph 3 of this despatch.

7. It is not clear whether the payment of £P.11,250 in respect of the period from the 1st of October, 1931, to the 31st of March, 1933, will be made before the end of the current financial year. In any case, however, it does not appear likely that the payment can be made in time to affect the amount required from the grant-in-aid for 1932-33, and instructions are being given for the issue of the balance of the £P.27,400 asked for in your despatch No. 26 of the 2nd of February, 1933,* thus bringing the total issue up to £P.72,000 for the current financial year.

8. Nevertheless, it would in my opinion be unwise to use the payment of £P.11,250 in order either to obviate the necessity for the reductions of expenditure called for in connexion with the Estimates for 1933-34, or to replace a shortfall of anticipated revenue. To do so would be merely to postpone until the next financial year the question of effecting an equilibrium between expenditure and revenue; and it will be appreciated that, in present circumstances, the possibility of obtaining a larger grant-in-aid cannot be contemplated. No provision has been made in the Estimates for remissions of taxation, relief works, or anti-locust measures in 1933, and you will observe from paragraph 6 of the Treasury letter that Their Lordships cannot contemplate the presentation to Parliament of a supplementary estimate to provide for any unforeseen expenditure of this nature. It would therefore seem desirable that the sum of £P.11,250 should be earmarked to meet such emergency expenditure. This procedure would make it possible for the situation to be reviewed in the light of the existing financial circumstances of Trans-Jordan when the time comes for the issue of the final instalment of the grant-in-aid for 1933-34. I shall be glad if you will furnish me with your views on this point when you submit the detailed proposals asked for in this despatch.

I have, &c.,
P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

17798/33 [No. 9].

No. 36.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 20th March, 1933.)

(No. 60.)

SIR, High Commissioner's Office, Jerusalem, 10th March, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to refer to my telegram No. 25,† on the subject of Trans-Jordan's claim for an increased share of the customs duties collected in Palestine.

The conclusions reported in my telegram under reference were reached after a great deal of discussion between the officers concerned. Finally, agreement was reached at a meeting held in Jerusalem on the 23rd February, when the following officers were present; the Treasurer, the Acting Director of Customs, Excise and Trade, Palestine, the Financial Adviser, Trans-Jordan, and the Director of Customs, Trans-Jordan.

2. Trans-Jordan claimed that goods which previously were exported from Syria to Trans-Jordan were now exported from Palestine to Trans-Jordan, and that, therefore, Palestine was collecting a larger sum than £P.25,500 in import duties on foreign goods exported to Trans-Jordan. The claim for additional drawbacks was as under :--

On goods in transit.

	£P.
Arrears in respect of years 1928-29 to 1931-32 inclusive	5,129
Annually from 1st October, 1932	1,500

On goods not in transit.

	£P.
Arrears in respect of years 1928-29 to 1931-32... ...	10,390
Annually from 1st October, 1932	7,370

* 17768/33 [No. 1]: not printed. † No. 34.

3. This claim was discussed. It was agreed that, as there were no statistical data accounting for the present annual payment of £P.25,500, it was impracticable to determine whether imported dutiable commodities accounting for the agreed annual payment of £P.25,500 had increased or decreased since June, 1928.

4. It was agreed, therefore, to look at the matter from the point of view of the increase, if any, in the volume of Trans-Jordan's import trade since June, 1928, the date when the annual payment of £P.25,500 was determined by agreement. Practically the whole of Trans-Jordan's import trade passes through Syria and Palestine. No actual trade statistics are available but, except for the particular commodities specifically excluded from the annual payment of £P.25,500, customs duties in Trans-Jordan are approximately the same now as in 1928 and the volume of goods entering Trans-Jordan from Palestine by road routes has not materially changed. The development of Trans-Jordan's import trade since 1928 is therefore indicated in the actual customs receipts on dutiable goods imported into Trans-Jordan via Syria and Palestine as shown in the following statement :—

	1st October to 30th September.			
	1928-29. £P.	1929-30. £P.	1930-31. £P.	1931-32. £P.
Syria :—				
In transit	645	208	14	—
Not in transit ...	8,288	7,684	5,537	1,418
	8,933	7,892	5,551	1,418
Palestine :—				
In transit	8,422	6,527	9,723	16,284
Not in transit ...	17,078	17,078	17,078	17,078
	25,500	23,605	26,801	33,362
Total £P.	34,433	31,497	32,352	34,780

5. The statement in the preceding paragraph indicates that—
(*a*) the value of dutiable goods imported into Trans-Jordan in 1931-32 has not materially changed since 1928-29; and
(*b*) the increase in 1931-32 in the value of dutiable goods imported into Trans-Jordan through Palestine was largely due to change of route from Syria to Palestine consequent on the transit agreement between Palestine and Trans-Jordan of 1928.

6. In the circumstances it was unanimously agreed to recommend an increase by £P.7,500 of the annual payment by Palestine to Trans-Jordan of £P.25,500 per annum with effect from the 1st October. 1931

I have, &c.,
M. A. YOUNG,
(for High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan).
Absent on tour.

17798/33 [No. 10].

No. 37.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE HIGH COMMISSIONER to THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 12.35 p.m., 27th March, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

[*Answered by No.* 38.]

27TH MARCH. No. 36. My despatch 10th March, No. 60.* Trans-Jordan share of customs duties. Request telegraphic approval of my recommendations in order that £11,250 in respect of period 1st October, 1931, to 31st March, 1933, may be paid before the end of the financial year.

* No. 36.

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17798/33 [No. 11].

No. 38.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Sent 12.35 p.m., 28th March, 1933.)

TELEGRAM.

No. 36. YOUR telegram No. 36.* Trans-Jordan share of customs duties. Recommendations approved. See my despatch of 10th March, No. 34.†—CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

17798/33 [No. 12]

No. 39

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER to THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 22nd May, 1933.)

(Confidential " A.")

SIR, High Commissioner's Office, Jerusalem, 13th May, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to refer to the correspondence ending with my telegram No. 15 of the 11th February, 1933,‡ on the subject of the 'Iraq-Trans-Jordan frontier survey, and to inform you that the claim of the 'Iraq Government for payment by the Government of Trans-Jordan of the latter's share in the cost of the survey was not presented within the financial year 1932-33.

2. The claim, amounting to 964,721 dinars, has now been received and I have authorised the British Resident, Amman, to insert the necessary provision in the draft Estimates of the Trans-Jordan Government for 1933-34, which are now being revised, and to make arrangements for payment to the 'Iraq Government forthwith.

I have, &c.,
H. H. TRUSTED,
Acting High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

17798/33 [No. 16].

No. 40.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE ACTING HIGH COMMISSIONER to THE SECRETARY OF STATE.

(Received 12th June, 1933.)

[*Answered by No.* 43.]

(Confidential " A.")

SIR, High Commissioner's Office, Jerusalem, 3rd June, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to refer to your despatch No. 34 of the 10th March, 1933,† regarding the draft Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1933-34, and to transmit herewith revised Estimates which have been prepared by the Executive Council, comprising :—

(*a*) An abstract statement of estimated revenue;
(*b*) an abstract statement of estimated expenditure;
(*c*) a detailed schedule of estimated revenue;
(*d*) a schedule of changes made under expenditure, as compared with the draft Estimates sent to you under cover of the High Commissioner's despatch No. 220 of the 17th December, 1932;§
(*e*) a summary showing the estimated surplus at the 31st March, 1934;
(*f*) a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Trans-Jordan Administration at the 31st March, 1932.‖

* No. 37. † No. 35 ‡ 17738/33 [No. 7]: not printed. § No. 28.
‖ *See* Sub-enclosures in No 28.

2. I also enclose copies of a memorandum prepared by the Financial Adviser which provides detailed explanations of the variations between the present and the former draft Estimates, and of a covering letter from the British Resident.

3. I have to make the following observations on the explanations of the Financial Adviser :—

(*a*) REVENUE.

Head II, Sub-heads 18 *and* 19.—The increase in revenue on account of the introduction of an income tax and trade licences was originally expected to be £P 3,200, as indicated in Colonial Office letter to the Treasury of the 16th January.* The figure of £P.4.600 quoted by the Financial Adviser was the estimate of increased revenue from these sources taking into consideration the decision that the British Resident and his staff, and members of the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force, should be required to pay income tax.

Head III, Sub-head 2.—In his despatch Confidential A of the 21st May, 1932,† the High Commissioner informed you that it was anticipated that the Sharia Court Fees Law which it was proposed to enact would result in an increase of revenue of £P.1,000 a year. The Legislative Council subsequently refused to pass the draft law but eventually agreed to a law providing that the fees on marriage contracts should be doubled. The increase in revenue expected to result from the measure as enacted is £P.650 a year.

Head VII, Sub-head 2.—The Palestine Currency Officer informs me that he is not yet in a position to say whether the share from profits in currency this year will exceed or fall short of last year's share, but he invites attention to the fact that although the amount invested is larger there has been a fall in the rate of yield of new investments. I suggest, however, that the figure of £P.3,500 may be retained in the estimates on the understanding that the Trans-Jordan Government will be prepared to effect a corresponding saving in the estimated expenditure if the full amount should not be received.

(*b*) EXPENDITURE.

Head XXIV, Items 10 *and* 24.

Head XXVI, Item 2.

Head XXX.

Provision has been made for the revoting of certain items from the previous year's Estimates, totalling £P.1,381. I agree with the British Resident that it is reasonable to set these items against the surplus at the 31st March, 1933, and not to take them into account in effecting a balance between current revenue and expenditure.

Head XXIX, Item 2.—Recommendations for writing off certain amounts in connexion with an artesian well at Irbid and the Arab Legion Fines Fund were submitted to you in the High Commissioner's despatch No. 87 of the 22nd April‡ and my despatch No. 102 of the 27th May, 1933.§

4. With regard to the new Land Tax I have to explain that the law was published as a Bill on the 1st April, and came into force on the 1st June, 1933. Owing to the great amount of work involved in assessments, and to the delays required for the submission and hearing of appeals, and similar formalities, it will not be possible to give effect to the law until the harvest is over and its proceeds have been spent. The new tax will therefore not be collectable before the financial year 1934-35

5. I am in agreement with the view expressed by the British Resident in the second part of paragraph 4 of his letter, and recommend that the surplus of £P.1,769 which existed at the 31st March, 1933, over and above the working balance of £P.4,000 and the sum of £P.11,250 received from the Palestine Government on account of Customs, should be kept in reserve.

6. I recommend that the draft revised Estimates should be approved in the form in which they are now submitted by the Trans-Jordan Government.

I have, &c.,
H. H. TRUSTED,
Acting High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan.

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* No. 30. †C. 97738/32 [No. 35] : not printed. ‡ 17789/33 [No. 3] : not printed.
§ 17789/33 [No. 8]: not printed.

Enclosure 1 in No. 40.

TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT.

REVISED ESTIMATED REVENUE 1933-34.

Head of Revenue.	*Actuals* 1931-32. £P.	*Approved Estimate* 1932-33. £P.	*Original Estimate* 1933-34. £P.	*Revised Estimate* 1933-34. £P.
1. Customs and Excise	65,039	62,500	62,500	70,800
2. Licences and Taxes	111,384	135,300	133,000	135,050
3. Fees of Court or Office	24,508	28,200	29,050	31,150
4. Posts, Telegraphs, and Telephones ...	11,027	15,240	13,000	13,000
5. Revenue from Government Property ...	3,317	3,450	3,450	3,450
6. Interest	835	1,090	800	800
7. Miscellaneous Receipts	5,215	3,880	5,300	7,550
8. Sale of State Domains	1,577	1,000	1,000	1,000
TOTAL LOCAL REVENUE ...	222,902	250,660	248,100	262,800
9. Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Government	84,700	72,000	82,500	65,000
10. Grant-in-Aid of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	30,444	30,567	33,795	33,795
TOTAL GRANT-IN-AID	115,144	102,567	116,295	98,795
TOTAL REVENUE	338,046	353,227	364,395	361,595

Enclosure 2 in No. 40.

TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT.

REVISED ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE 1933-34.

	Head of Expenditure.	*Actuals* 1931-32. £P	*Approved Estimate* 1932-33. £P.	*Original Estimate* 1933-34. £P.	*Revised Estimate* 1933-34. £P.
1.	Civil List	13,997	14,454	14,565	14,565
2.	Public Debt and Loan Charges	590	591	591	591
3.	Legislature	3,731	3,788	3,872	3,872
4.	Pensions and Gratuities	4,758	5,500	6,000	6,000
5.	Chief Minister and Interior	3,685	3,837	3,888	3,888
6.	District Administration	6,885	7,070	7,099	10,310
7.	Ministry of Justice	15,355	15,817	16,641	16,641
8.	Sharia Courts	3,672	3,815	3,926	3,926
9.	Ministry of Finance	14,612	14,916	15,441	11,885
10.	Customs and Excise	7,229	7,732	8,026	8,026
11.	Public Health Department	11,292	12,135	12,392	12,392
11A.	Ma'an Quarantine	—	95	95	95
12.	Education	21,744	23,429	24,860	23,974
13.	Agriculture, Forests, and Veterinary	6,121	6,543	7,193	7,543
14.	Antiquities Department	2,610	2,700	2,736	2,736
15.	Public Works Department	4,339	4,540	4,613	4,613
15A.	Public Works Recurrent	16,873	17,500	18,000	18,000
16.	Posts and Telegraphs Department	12,122	12,952	13,634	13,634
17.	Lands Department	12,864	14,140	13,774	14,744
18.	Police and Prisons—(*a*) Police	81,872	100,916	102,380	102,430
	(*b*) Prisons	10,702	12,752	13,278	13,278
	(*c*) Desert Patrol	16,166	—	—	—
19.	Miscellaneous	9,305	8,958	8,810	8,769
20.	British Resident	6,507	6,562	6,619	6,619
21.	Audit Department	3,422	3,483	3,510	3,510
22.	Tribal Control Board	1,198	1,266	1,216	1,216
		291,651	305,491	313,159	313,257
23.	Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (one-sixth)	29,038	29,815	30,715	30,715
	TOTAL ORDINARY EXPENDITURE	320,689	335,306	343,874	343,972
	EXTRAORDINARY.				
24.	Public Works Extraordinary	12,183	12,742	8,500	7,606
25.	Posts and Telegraphs Extraordinary	1,959	1,200	2,840	2,840
26.	Police and Prisons Extraordinary	5,385	1,700	3,550	2,680
27.	Printing Collection of Laws in Arabic	—	—	400	400
28.	Public Health Extraordinary	—	—	275	275
29.	Write off of Public Money	—	—	1,876	1,158
30.	Syrian-Trans-Jordan-'Iraq Boundary Commission	47	3,000	—	965
	British Resident Extraordinary (1931-32)	315	—	—	—
	Special Grant to His Highness the Amir (1931-32)	3,000	—	—	—
	Anti-Locust Measures	—	1,000	—	—
		22,889	19,642	17,441	15,924
31.	Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (one-sixth)	1,405	752	3,080	3,080
	TOTAL EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE	24,294	20,394	20,521	19,004
	TOTAL EXPENDITURE	344,983	355,700	364,395	362,976

Enclosure 3 in No. 40.

REVENUE.

TRANS-JORDAN ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1933-34.

Head and Sub-Head of Revenue.	*Approved Estimates 1932-33.*	*Original Estimates 1933-34.*	*Revised Estimates 1933-34.*	*Increase.*	*Decrease.*	*Remarks.*
	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	£P.	
HEAD I.—CUSTOMS AND EXCISE.						
1. Customs Share, Syria	4,000	1,500	1,500	—	—	
2. Customs Share, Palestine	25,500	25,500	33,000	7,500	—	
3. Import Duty Collected Locally	21,000	21,950	22,600	650	—	
4. Excise Duty on Alcohol	800	850	850	—	—	
5. Excise Duty on Tobacco	8,000	9,000	9,000	—	—	
6. Examination Fees	2,000	2,000	2,150	150	—	
7. Miscellaneous	500	500	500	—	—	
8. Banderolle Fee on Matches	200	400	500	100	—	
9. Banderolle Fee on Cigarette Paper	566	800	700	—	100	
TOTAL CUSTOMS AND EXCISE..	62,500	62,500	70,800	8,400	100	NET INCREASE £P.8,300.
HEAD II.—LICENCES, TAXES, &c.						
1. Licences, Advocates	60	60	100	40	—	
2. Licences, Doctors	—	—	50	50	—	
3. Licences, Road Transport	850	1,300	1,300	—	—	
4. Licences, Forest and Quarry	450	450	450	—	—	
5. Licences, Sale of Intoxicating Liquor	300	300	300	—	—	
6. Licences, Sale of Tobacco	550	550	550	—	—	
7. Licences, Other	40	40	50	10	—	
8. Taxes, Animal	38,000	35,500	32,500	—	3,000	
9. Taxes, House and Land	21,000	17,500	17,500	—	—	
10. Taxes, Temettu	4,200	4,500	300	—	4,200	
11. Taxes, Road	7,150	5,930	5,930	—	—	
12. Tithes	49,500	39,900	39,900	—	—	
13. Revenue Stamp Duty	3,700	3,600	3,600	—	—	
14. Hijaz Stamp Duty	3,000	2,800	2,800	—	—	
15. Fines and Forfeitures	3,000	2,750	2,800	50	—	
16. Allenby Bridge Tolls	3,500	3,500	3,500	—	—	
17. Consolidated Tax	—	14,320	14,320	—	—	
18. Licences, Trades, and Professions	—	—	3,300	3,300	—	
19 Income Tax	—	—	5,500	5,500	—	
20. Fees, Zerka-Ma'een Baths	—	—	300	300	—	
TOTAL LICENCES AND TAXES, &c.	135,300	133,000	135,050	9,250	7,200	NET INCREASE £P.2,050.
HEAD III.—FEES OF COURT OR OFFICE, &c.						
1. Court Fees, Civil	6,000	6,000	6,000	—	—	
2. Court Fees, Sharia	1,750	1,750	2,400	650	—	
3. Court Fees, Tribal	80	120	150	30	—	
4. Notary Public Fees	1,650	1,200	1,250	50	—	
5. Land Registry Fees	3,150	3,150	4,000	850	—	
6. Passport Fees	600	650	650	—	—	
7. Nationality Certificates	500	400	400	—	—	
8. Tourist Fees	450	550	600	50	—	
9. Medical Services and Hospital Receipts	850	750	750	—	—	
10. Veterinary and Animal Quarantine Receipts	1,600	1,450	1,500	50	—	
11. Education and Arts and Crafts School Receipts ...	800	800	1,050	250	—	
12. Sale of Publications and Maps	400	200	250	50	—	
13. Sale of Departmental Stores	600	600	600	—	—	
14. Pension Contributions	9,050	11,000	11,000	—	—	
15. Miscellaneous Reimbursements	170	130	250		—	
16. Registration of Trade Marks	550	300	300	—	—	
TOTAL FEES OF COURT OR OFFICE, &c.	28,200	29,050	31,150	2,100	—	NET INCREASE £P.2,100
HEAD IV.—POSTS, TELEGRAPHS, AND TELEPHONES.						
1. Sale of Stamps	7,000	3,000	3,000	—	—	
2. Money Orders and Postal Orders	300	200	200	—	—	
3. Telephone Rentals and Installations	2,350	2,500	2,500	—	—	
4. Telephone Trunk Calls	3,550	3,800	3,800	—	—	
5. Telegrams	1,600	1,360	1,360	—	—	
6. Parcel Post	300	500	500	—	—	
7. Post Office Box Rentals	70	70	70	—	—	
8. Trans-Desert Mail Transit Charges	—	1,500	1,500	—	—	
9. Miscellaneous Receipts	70	70	70	—	—	
TOTAL POSTS, TELEGRAPHS AND TELEPHONES ...	15,240	13,000	13,000	—	—	
HEAD V.—REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT PROPERTY.						
1. Rent of Land and Buildings	450	450	450	—	—	
3. Forest and other State Domains	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	—	
2. Rent of Tithe	2,000	2,000	2,000	—	—	
TOTAL REVENUE FROM GOVERNMENT PROPERTY ...	3,450	3,450	3,450	—	—	

Head and Sub-Head of Revenue.	Approved Estimates 1932-33. £P.	Original Estimates 1933-34. £P.	Revised Estimates 1933-34. £P.	Increase. £P.	Decrease. £P.	Remarks.
HEAD VI.—INTERESTS.						
1. Bank Balances	95	50	50	—	—	
2. Earthquake Relief Loans...	360	200	200	—	—	
3. Interest on Advances to Agricultural Bank	355	300	300	—	—	
4. Agricultural Loans	140	100	100	—	—	
5. Joint Colonial Funds	140	150	150	—	—	
TOTAL INTERESTS	1,090	800	800	—	—	NET INCREASE £P.2,250.
HEAD VII.—MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS.						
1 Sundry	650	650	650	—	—	
2. Share of profits of Palestine Currency	2,250	3,250	3,500	250	—	
3. Royalties Dead Sea Concession	980	1,400	2,900	1,500	—	
4. Annual Payment by Anglo-Persian Oil Co.	—	—	500	500	—	
TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS RECEIPTS	3,880	5,300	7,550	2,250	—	
HEAD VIII.—SALE OF STATE DOMAINS.						
1. Sale of State Domains	1,000	1,000	1,000	—	—	
HEAD IX.—GRANT-IN-AID TRANS-JORDAN GOVERNMENT.. ...	72,000	82,500	65,000	—	17,500	NET DECREASE £P.17,500.
HEAD X.—GRANT-IN-AID TRANS-JORDAN FRONTIER FORCE ...	30,567	33,795	33,795	—	—	

Enclosure 4 in No. 40.

STATEMENT SHOWING THE INCREASES AND DECREASES ON ITEMS OF EXPENDITURE AS COMPARED WITH THE ORIGINAL ESTIMATES

Item.	Increase. £P.	Decrease. £P.
Head VI. District Administration		
Item 2.—Reduce to 4 Kaimmakams £P.21-25	—	300
Item 3.—Increase to 4 Mudir Nahyia £P.13-16	156	—
Item 4.—Reduce to 8 Clerks £P.9-12	—	144
Item 6.—Compensatory Allowance reduce to £P 49 ..	—	7
Item 8.—Transport and Travelling—Increase to £P 1,380	650	—
Add provision for 34 Tax Collectors at £P.7 *per mensem* transferred from Item 14 of Head IX	2,856	—
	3,662	451
NET INCREASE UNDER HEAD VI—£P 3,211		
Head IX. Ministry of Finance		
Item 14.—Reduce to 1 Tax Collector at £P.7 *per mensem* for 3 months only	—	2,856
Item 17.—Transport and Travelling—To be £P.550 ..	—	700
	—	3,556
NET DECREASE UNDER HEAD IX—£P.3,556.		
Head XII. Education Department.		
Items 36-37-38-39-40-46.—Deleted	—	1,030
Item 51.—Add provision for training two Schoolmasters ...	144	—
	144	1,030
NET DECREASE UNDER HEAD XII—£P.886.		
Head XIII. Agriculture, Forests, &c.		
Item 35.—School Experimental Stations—To be increased to £P.400	150	—
Item 39.—Epidemic Measures—Increase to £P.450 ...	200	—
	350	—
NET INCREASE UNDER HEAD XIII—£P.350.		
Head XVII. Lands Department.		
Item 16.—Field Allowance—Insert £P.550	550	—
Insert the following additional provision :— Land Settlement Judge £P.48-58 p.m. ... Clerk to Land Setttlement Judge £P.13-16 p.m. ... ... Clerk to Land Settlement Judge £P.13-16 p.m. ... ... 6 months	420	—
	970	—
NET INCREASE UNDER HEAD XVII—£P.970.		

Head XVIII. Police and Prisons.

Item.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.
A—Police :—		
Personal Emoluments : Insert provision for additional British officer £P.450	450	—
Item 55.—Forage Allowance—Decrease to £P.9,600...	—	400
	450	400

NET INCREASE UNDER HEAD XVIII—£P.50.

Head XIX. Miscellaneous.

Item 9.—Sundries—Increase to £P.709	9	—
Item 11.—Entertainment of Distinguished Guests—Decrease to £P.50	—	50
	9	50

NET DECREASE UNDER HEAD XIX—£P.41.

Head XXI. Audit Department.

Item 10.—Transport and Travelling £P.303	—	6
Item 14.—Share of Home Expenditure £P.56	6	—
	6	6

Head XXIV. Public Works Extraordinary.

Item 10.—Additions to Customs Post—Remtha. Add revote of £P.126 from 1932-33, bringing total provision to £P.176	126	—
Item 16.—Upper Storey Es Salt School—Delete	—	2,000
Item 23 (new item).—Provision of half cost of Jebel Rum Police Post	900	—
Item 24 (new item).—Revote of £P.80 for Es Salt-Damieh Road	80	—
	1,106	2,000

NET DECREASE UNDER HEAD XXIV—£P.894.

Head XXVI. Police and Prisons Extraordinary.

Item 2.—Purchase of Cars for Desert Patrol :— Deduct.—£P.1,080, difference between cost of Commer cars and Ford cars; add revote of £P.210 on Wireless Telegraph car ordered in 1932-33. Total provision to be £P.1,880	—	870

NET DECREASE UNDER HEAD XXVI—£P.870.

Head XXIX. Write-off of Public Money.

Item 1.—Irrecoverable Agricultural Loans—Delete ...	—	1,126
Item 2.—Other Amounts : Increase to £P.1,158	408	—
	408	1,126

NET DECREASE UNDER HEAD XXIX—£P.718.

Head XXX (New Head). Boundary Commission.

Item.	*Increase.* £P.	*Decrease.* £P.
Revote of £P.965 for payment to 'Iraq Government ...	965	—

NET INCREASE UNDER HEAD XXX—£P.965.

Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Extraordinary.

Change from Head XXX to XXXI.

Enclosure 5 in No. 40.

SUMMARY SHOWING THE ESTIMATED SURPLUS AT 31ST MARCH, 1934.

	£P.	£P.	£P.
Surplus at 31st March, 1932			5,400
Actual revenue from 1st April, 1932, to 28th February, 1933 :—			
Local	222,969		
Grant-in-Aid to Trans-Jordan Government ...	44,600		
Grant-in-Aid to Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	21,058		
		288,627	
Approximate revenue in March, 1933 :—			
Local	29,463		
Grant-in Aid to Trans-Jordan Government ...	27,400		
Grant-in-Aid to Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	9,510		
		66,373	
			355,000
			360,400
Actual expenditure from 1st April, 1932, to 28th February, 1933 :—			
Ordinary	282,401		
Extraordinary	12,097		
		294,498	
Approximate expenditure in March, 1933 :—			
Ordinary	42,362		
Extraordinary	5,140		
		47,502	
			342.000
Estimated surplus at 31st March, 1933			18,400
Estimated revenue for 1933-34 :—			
Local		262,800	
Grant-in-Aid to Trans-Jordan Government ...		65,000	
Grant-in-Aid to Trans-Jordan Frontier Force		33,795	
			361,595
			379,995
Estimated Expenditure for 1933-34 :—			
Ordinary—Trans-Jordan Government ...	313,257		
Trans-Jordan Frontier Force ...	30,715		
		343,972	
Extraordinary—Trans-Jordan Government ...	15,924		
Trans-Jordan Frontier Force	3,080		
		19,004	
			362,976
Estimated surplus at 31st March, 1934			£P.17,019

Enclosure 7 in No. 40

MEMORANDUM ON THE REVISED ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE OF THE TRANS-JORDAN ADMINISTRATION FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR 1933-1934.

REVENUE.

Head I. Customs and Excise.

Sub-head 2.—Shows an increase of £P.7,500 in the share of Palestine Customs payable to Trans-Jordan. This increase was agreed to by the Government of Palestine and approved in the Secretary of State's telegram of the 28th of March which was sent in reply to His Excellency the High Commissioner's telegram No. 36 of the 27th March, 1933.

Sub-heads 3-6-8.—Show increases of £P.650, £P.150, and £P.100 respectively. These increases are based on the actual receipts for 1932-33.

Sub-head 9.—Has been reduced by £P.100 on the basis of the actual receipts for 1932-33

The net increase under this Head of Revenue is £P.8,300

Head II. Licences, Taxes, &c.

Sub-head 1.—Shows an increase of £P.40 on account of the increase of the annual licence fee payable by advocates. This increase was made in connexion with the new law for licensing trades and professions. The Secretary of State's despatch Trans-Jordan Confidential dated the 20th of January, 1933, refers.

Sub-head 2.—This is a new sub-head of revenue. Annual licence fees were not charged to private doctors in the past. They were, however, taxed under the Temettu Tax (Sub-head 10) and this new licence fee was imposed in connexion with the new law for licensing trades and professions. The Secretary of State's despatch Trans-Jordan Confidential dated the 20th of January, 1933, refers.

It is perhaps necessary to explain why Sub-heads 1 and 2 were not included under Sub-head 18, Licences, Trades and Professions. The reason is that Advocates Licences are issued under the Advocates Law, 1928 (Seton, page 3) and the licensing of doctors is carried out under the Public Health Law, 1928 (Seton, page 496). Sub-head 18 only covers those licences issued under the Trade Licences Law, 1933, which came into force on 1st April 1933.

Sub-head 7.—Shows a small increase of £P.10 which is based on the receipts for 1932-33

Sub-head 8.—In the covering memorandum submitted with the original Estimates for 1933-34 it was explained that the approved Estimates for 1932-33 was £P.38,000 and that it was anticipated that the actual receipts would amount to approximately £P.34,000. In framing the original Estimates for the present year the latter figure was increased by £P.1,500 as it was hoped that there would be some improvement.

For the enumeration of livestock, which has been carried out since the original Estimates were prepared, it is apparent that there have been further losses of livestock and the estimate has been reduced to £P.32,500 as compared with the original estimate of £P.35,500.

This question was reported on in detail in the British Resident's report to His Excellency the High Commissioner for the quarter ended 31st March, 1933.

Sub-head 10.—Please see the reference to Sub-heads 18 and 19, below. The Temettu Tax has been abolished and the sum of £P.300 has been included on account of arrears of this tax which it is hoped will be collected in 1933-34.

Sub-head 15.—A small increase of £P.50 has been made on the basis of the receipts for 1932-33.

Sub-heads 18 *and* 19.—These sub-heads should be considered in conjunction with Sub-heads 1-2-10.

The introduction of licences for trades and professions and of an income tax in place of the Temettu Tax was approved by the Secretary of State in his despatch Trans-Jordan Confidential dated the 20th January, 1933, and these schemes were brought into force on 1st April, 1933, together with certain changes in the fees payable for advocates and doctors' licences. In putting forward these proposals to the Secretary of State it was stated that there would be an increase in revenue of £P.4,600 as compared with the Temettu Tax.

The approved Estimates for 1932-33 provided for the receipt of £P.4,200 from the Temettu Tax. The original Estimates for 1933-34 showed the estimated receipts as £P.4,500 and it was explained in the covering memorandum that £P.300 of this estimate was on account of arrears from the 'Iraq Petroleum Company. These arrears have been left under Sub-head 10, Temettu Tax, and for purposes of comparison one should take the previous figure of £P.4,200 as the normal receipts from Temettu Tax.

The position is as follows:—

	£P.
Estimated receipts from licences under Sub-head 18 ...	3,300
Estimated receipts from income tax—Sub-head 19 ...	5,500
Increased licence fees under Sub-heads 1 and 2	90
	8,890
Normal receipts from Temettu Tax	4,200
Increase ...	£P.4,690

It will be seen that this increase is slightly in excess of the amount fixed by the Secretary of State in the enclosures to his despatch Trans-Jordan No. 8 dated the 16th of January, 1933.

Sub-head 20.—Provision has been made for the receipt of £P.300 from fees at the Zerka-Ma'een Thermal Baths. In the covering memorandum to the original Estimates under Expenditure Head IX, Item 14, an explanation was given of the origin of these fees

Head III. Fees of Court or Office, &c.

Sub-head 2.—The estimate of receipts from Sharia Court Fees has been increased by £P.650 following the increase in some of the fees chargeable. This is one of the increases stipulated in the Secretary of State's despatch Trans-Jordan No. 8 dated the 16th of January, 1933, and enclosures.

Sub-head 5.—The estimate of receipts from Land Registry Fees has been increased by £P.850 on the basis of actual receipts for 1932-33.

Sub-head 11.—The Government has decided to charge fees for secondary education which has hitherto been given free. It is proposed that this measure should come into force in the scholastic year commencing September, 1933, and although it is difficult to estimate the number of applicants for entry into secondary schools when entry is no longer free, it is considered that it is safe to estimate for the receipt of at least £P.250.

Sub-head 15.—The estimated receipts have been increased by £P.120 on account of the large number of notices which are being published on repayment in the *Official Gazette* on behalf of the Agricultural Bank.

Small increases have also been made under Sub-heads 3-4-8-10-12 on the basis of the receipts in 1932-33.

Head VII. Miscellaneous Receipts.

Sub-head 2.—The receipts from the profits of the Palestine Currency Board have so far increased from year to year. In 1932-33 the revenue from this source was £P.1,000 in excess of the previous year and the Trans-Jordan Government consider that it is reasonable to allow for the further small increase of £P.250.

Sub-head 3.—The estimated receipts from royalties on the Dead Sea Concession include the royalties for the second half of 1932-33 which were not paid until April, 1933.

The estimate has also been increased on the basis of a personal statement made to Colonel Cox by the Secretary of the Palestine Potash Company.

Sub-head 4.—The sum of £P.500 is payable annually by the Anglo-Persian Oil Company to the Trans-Jordan Government under the terms of the agreement to which the Secretary of State's telegram No. 28, Secret, of 1st March, 1933, and His Excellency the High Commissioner's reply in telegram No. 40, Secret, of 6th April, 1933, refer.

Head IX. Grant-in-Aid to Trans-Jordan Government.

The estimate of £P.65,000 is in accordance with the instructions given in the Secretary of State's despatches Trans-Jordan No. 8 of the 16th of January, 1933, and Trans-Jordan No. 34 of the 10th of March, 1933.

EXPENDITURE

Head VI. District Administration.

1. The changes under Items 2-3-4-6 which result in a saving of £P.295 are due to the Government's decision to reduce the district of Ajloun from a "Qada" to a "Nahyia." This change was made on the grounds of economy.

2 The increase of £P.650 for forage allowance under transport and travelling and the insertion of provision for the emoluments of 34 Tax Collectors, is due to the reorganisation made on 1st April, under which Tax Collectors were placed under the direct control of District Governors. Tax Collectors were previously appointed and paid by the Ministry of Finance.

This change was reported in the British Resident's report to His Excellency the High Commissioner for the quarter ended 31st March, 1933.

Head IX. Ministry of Finance.

The reductions under Items 14-17 represent the amounts transferred to Head VI, District Administration, with an actual saving of £P.50 on transport and travelling.

The one Tax Collector retained under the Ministry of Finance is employed on the collection of fees at the Zerka-Ma'een Thermal Baths. Reference was made to this new post in the covering memorandum to the original Estimates for 1933-34.

Head XII Education

The changes made under this Head are in accordance with the instructions given in the Secretary of State's despatch Trans-Jordan No. 8 of the 16th of January, 1933.

Head XIII. Agriculture, Forests, and Veterinary.

1. Since the submission of the original Estimates the Director of Agriculture has reported that in framing his proposals for the establishment of experimental gardens at Government schools he omitted to provide for the care of those gardens in the absence of the boys during the vacation. Additional provision has been inserted under 35 for a sum of £P.150 for the appointment of caretakers during the school vacation.

That scheme for experimental gardens attached to schools was explained in the memorandum accompanying the original Estimates under Items 4 and 35.

2. The provision under Item 39, Epidemic Measures, has been increased to £P.450.

In previous years the provision under this item was £P 500. In submitting the estimates of his Department to the Government, the Director of Agriculture omitted to make any provision for this service and a sum of £P.250 was inserted by the Treasurer. The Director of Agriculture has now asked that the provision should be increased and the Government have agreed to this increase.

Head XVII. Land Department.

Item 16—*Field Allowances*, £P.550.—In compliance with the instructions conveyed in the Secretary of State's despatch Trans-Jordan No. 8 of the 16th of January, 1933, the provision has been re-inserted.

The provision for a Land Settlement Judge and two clerks was authorized in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 44 of the 25th of March, 1933.

Head XVIII Police and Prisons.

A—Police.

As instructed in the Secretary of State's despatch Trans-Jordan No. 8 of the 16th of January, 1933, provision has been inserted for an additional British officer The amount provided represents the actual emoluments of the officer appointed to this post and is £P.100 less than the amount allowed by the Secretary of State.

Item 55—*Forage Allowances* —As the barley crop is reported to be better than last year, it is anticipated that there may be a decrease in the price of barley which will enable the Government to reduce the rates of Forage Allowance The provision has accordingly been reduced by £P.400

Head XIX. Miscellaneous

The two changes made were resorted to in order to bring the total expenditure within the figure allowed by the grant-in-aid of £P.65,000.

Head XXI. Audit Department.

In the original Estimates a sum of £P.50 was provided under Item 14 to cover the Trans-Jordan Government's contribution towards the home expenditure of the Department of Colonial Audit.

Since the preparation of the original Estimates it has been notified that the contribution payable will be £P.56. The provision has been increased accordingly and a corresponding reduction of £P.6 made under transport and travelling in order to avoid increasing the total cost of the Department.

Head XXIV. Public Works Extraordinary.

Item 10—*Additions to Customs Posts at Remtha.*—In the original Estimates for 1933-34 a sum of £P.50 was provided under this item. The Director of Public Works has now applied for the revote of a sum of £P 126 from the provision made in 1932-33 for additions and improvements to the same Customs Post. The amount provided in 1932-33 was £P.150 under Head XXIV, Item 9, and the actual expenditure to 31st March, 1933, was £P.23,226. The Executive Council has agreed to the revote and it is recommended that it should be approved.

Item 16—*Construction of Upper Storey—Es Salt School.*—In compliance with the Secretary of State's instructions conveyed in his despatch Trans-Jordan No. 8 of the 16th of January, 1933, this item has been deleted.

Item 23 (*New Item*)—*Jebel Rum Police Post.*—In his despatch Trans-Jordan No. 8 of the 16th of January, 1933, the Secretary of State directed that provision for the full cost of £P.1,800 should be inserted. The Executive Council has included provision for £P.900 only (*i.e.*, half the cost) as it was not possible to make provision for the full amount within the grant-in-aid of £P.65,000 approved by the Secretary of State unless a portion of the surplus at 31st March, 1933, is used for this purpose, which is not desirable.

Item 24 (*New Item*)—*Completion of Es Salt-Damieh Road.*—In 1932-33 a sum of £P.80 was sanctioned for expenditure on the completion of the Es Salt-Jisr Ed Damieh Road in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 2 of the 2nd March, 1933. The work could not be carried out in 1932-33 and it is now desired to revote this sum of £80. Provision has accordingly been made in the revised Estimates.

Head XXVI. Police and Prisons Extraordinary.

Item 2—*Purchase of cars for the Desert Patrol.*—In the original Estimates for 1933-34 a sum of £P.2,750 was provided for the purchase of Commer cars for the Desert Patrol. In the Secretary of State's despatch Trans-Jordan No. 8 of the 16th of January, 1933, instructions were given that Ford cars should be purchased in lieu of Commers The result of this change is a saving of £P.1,080.

On the other hand it is necessary to revote a sum of £P.210 from the provision under Head XXVI, Item 6, in 1932-33, of a sum of £P.380 for the purchase and fitting of a Wireless Telegraph car for the Desert Patrol. This car was ordered in 1932-33, but the charges brought to account in that year were only £P.168 (approximately), the authority for the purchase of this Wireless Telegraph car was conveyed in the Secretary of State's despatch No. 2 of the 2nd of March, 1933.

The total provision for the purchase of cars in 1933-34 thus becomes £P 1,880.

Head XXIX. Write-off of Public Money.

Under Item 1.—In the original Estimates for 1933-34 provision was made for the write-off to expenditure of £P.1,126 of the first instalments of the unsecured loans issued by the Government in 1931. A full explanation was given in the covering memorandum to the original Estimates. Recommendations as to the action to be taken regarding the irrecoverable instalments have since been submitted to His Excellency the High Commissioner and a communication has been received from His Excellency under No. T/348/31 of 20th April, 1933, directing that no action should be taken until the second and final instalment falls due in September, 1933, when the question should be re-opened.

In the circumstances it is unlikely that it will be possible to submit a full report covering both instalments and obtain the Secretary of State's authority for the write-off before the 31st March, 1934. The Executive Council have consequently deleted the provision made in the original Estimates and provision will be made for the full amount required, in the Estimates for 1934-35.

Under Item 2.—Of this Head the provision has been increased by £P.408 to cover the write-off of the balance of the "Irbid Artesian well" advance account and the "Arab Legion Fines Fund" advance account. These two accounts were the subject of the British Resident's letters No. 672 of 11th March, 1933, and No. 131/Sec of 12th April, 1933, to His Excellency the High Commissioner.

Head XXX. Boundary Commission.

No provision was made under this Head in the original Estimates. In 1932-33 provision of £P.3,000 was sanctioned for this work and the total commitments incurred, excluding the amount due to the 'Iraq Government for survey work on behalf of Trans-Jordan, was £P.966.

When the original Estimates were submitted in December, 1932, it was believed that the 'Iraq Government's claim would be received before the end of the financial year and would be met from the balance of the approved provision, which was more than sufficient. The account was, however, received in May, 1933, and provision has now been inserted for the amount of the 'Iraq Government's claim, *i.e.*, £P.965.

The Trans-Jordan Government is not aware of any other commitments in connexion with this Commission.

Head XXXI. Trans-Jordan Frontier Force (One-sixth Extraordinary Expenditure).

Owing to the insertion of provision for the Boundary Commission under Head XXX the provision for the Trans-Jordan Government's contribution towards the cost of Trans-Jordan Frontier Force extraordinary expenditure will now be shown under Head XXXI and not under Head XXX, where it appeared in the original Estimates.

Enclosure 8 in No. 40.

(No. 4217.)

YOUR EXCELLENCY, 16th May, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith revised Estimates of the Revenue and Expenditure of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1933-34 in the form in which they have been accepted by the Executive Council.

The following statements are enclosed with a covering memorandum prepared by the Financial Adviser:—

A. An abstract statement of esti nated revenue;
B. an abstract statement of estimated expenditure;
C. a summary showing the estimated surplus at the 31st March, 1934;
D. a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Trans-Jordan Administration as at 31st March, 1932;
E. a detailed schedule of the estimated revenue;
F. a schedule showing the changes made under expenditure.

In the submission of revised Estimates it has not hitherto been the practice to submit a revised detailed schedule of revenue (as at E above). Owing, however, to the numerous changes in the revenue estimates and to the introduction of new taxes, it is, I think, desirable to furnish the Secretary of State with a detailed schedule in this instance so that the position may be quite clear

2. The estimated expenditure is £P.362,976 and the estimated revenue, excluding the grant-in-aid to the Trans-Jordan Administration, is £P.296,595, leaving a deficit of £P.66,381, of which £P.65,000 is covered by the approved grant-in-aid.

The balance of £P.1,381 arises out of the revotes under Heads XXIV, XXVI, and XXX, and I submit that it is legitimate to meet these revotes out of the surplus at 31st March, 1933, which is more than sufficient for this purpose after due allowance has been made for the normal working balance of £P.4,000 and the sum of £P.11,250 earmarked for emergency expenditure and remission of taxation.

3. These revised Estimates cover, with two exceptions, all the requirements set forth in the Secretary of State's despatches Trans-Jordan No. 8 of the 16th of January and Trans-Jordan No. 34 of the 10th of March, 1933. The exceptions are the Land Tax and the provision under expenditure of the full amount of the estimated cost of the Rum Fort.

The Land Tax Law was passed at the end of March, 1933, and published in *Official Gazette* No. 384 of 1st April, 1933. As explained in my report to Your Excellency for the quarter ended the 31st March, 1933, it will not be possible to apply the

law during the present financial year. Consequently no provision has been made in these revised Estimates for revenue from this source.

With regard to the Rum Fort it is explained in the memorandum that it has only been possible to provide for half the estimated cost during the present financial year. This is unfortunate, but so far as I can see there is no alternative.

4. The Executive Council has agreed to the proposal made in paragraph 8 of the Secretary of State's despatch No. 34 of the 10th of March, 1933, that the sum of £P.11.250 received from the Palestine Government on account of Trans-Jordan's increased share of Palestine Customs for the period 1st of October, 1931, to 31st March, 1933, should be earmarked to meet emergency expenditure and remissions of taxation.

You will observe from enclosure "C" that over and above this sum and the normal working balance of £P.4,000 there will be a small surplus of £P.1,769, and I recommend that the Secretary of State should be asked to agree that this sum should also be kept in reserve.

Later in the year I propose to make a request, if circumstances show that it would be reasonable, for authority to spend a part of this surplus on urgent non-recurrent services which the past bad years have made it impossible to provide.

5. Referring to paragraph 3 of the Secretary of State's despatch No. 34 of the 10th of March, 1933, in which further information is asked for regarding the anticipated receipts from the Land Tax for a full year, the Land Tax Law as finally enacted limits the increase in taxation to £P.10,000 and this may be taken as the amount which will eventually be realized. Owing, however, to the fact that in many cases the increase in taxation must, in accordance with Article 16 of the Law, be applied over a period of five years, the increase in revenue in the first year will not, I fear, exceed £P.3,000.

With regard to paragraph 4 of the Secretary of State's despatch No. 34 of the 10th of March, 1933, it is not anticipated that any expenditure will be incurred in excess of that which can be met from the normal transport and travelling votes

With regard to paragraph 5 of the Secretary of State's despatch, it has not been possible to make any provision for the education of the Beduins.

I have, &c.,
C. H. F. Cox,
British Resident.

His Excellency
The Acting High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan,
Jerusalem.

17798/33 [No. 20].

No. 41.

COLONIAL OFFICE to TREASURY.

[*Answered by No.* 42.]

SIR, Downing Street, 7th August, 1933.

I AM directed by Secretary Sir Philip Cunliffe-Lister to refer to Sir R. V. Hopkins's letter No. S. 35961/01/33 of the 28th of January,* regarding the Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1933-34, and to transmit to you, to be laid before the Lords Commissioners of the Treasury, a copy of a despatch† from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan enclosing revised Estimates which have been prepared by the Executive Council of Trans-Jordan. A copy of the Secretary of State's despatch of the 10th of March,‡ to which the High Commissioner's despatch is a reply is also enclosed for Their Lordship's information.

2. In the Treasury letter under reference Their Lordships agreed that the grant-in-aid of the Trans-Jordan Administration for the current financial year should be fixed at £65,000, but they asked to be informed how the resulting deficit of £16,434 was to be made good. The revised draft Estimates enclosed with the High Com-

* No. 32. † No. 40. ‡ No. 35

missioner's despatch show that the deficit will be met chiefly by additional revenue, which is estimated at £14,700, including the following items:—

	£
Head I, Sub-head 2.—(Increased share of Palestine Customs	7,500
Head II, Sub-heads 1, 2, 10, 18, *and* 19.—(Income Tax and Trade Licences)	4,690

In this connexion Their Lordship's attention is invited to this Department's letter of the 22nd of June,* regarding the Income Tax and Trade Licences Laws. Attention is also invited to the correspondence enclosed with Colonial Office letter of the 16th of June,† from which it will be seen that the Legislative Council of Trans-Jordan have been induced to pass the Land Tax Law, although, for administrative reasons, no revenue can be expected from the new Law during the current financial year.

3. In paragraph 7 of Treasury letter of the 28th of January information was requested as to the additional revenue to be anticipated from the Land Tax Law. This information is supplied in paragraph 5 of the letter from the British Resident, dated the 16th of May, which forms Enclosure VIII to the High Commissioner's despatch, and which shows that the revenue anticipated from the new Law is £3,000 in the first year and £10,000 in future years.

4. With reference to paragraphs 6 to 8 of the Secretary of State's despatch of the 10th of March, I am to enclose herewith a copy of the correspondence‡ regarding Trans-Jordan's claim for an increased share of the Customs duties collected in Palestine. The effect of the agreement reached in this matter is that Trans-Jordan will receive an increased annual payment of £7.500, together with arrears of £11,250 for the period 1st of October, 1931, to the 31st of March, 1933. As pointed out in paragraph 2 of this letter the increased payment of £7,500 for the current financial year has been taken into account in the revised Estimates of Revenue which accompanied this letter.

5. The agreement, however, was reached too late for the payment of the arrears of £11,250 to affect the amount required for the grant-in-aid of Administration for 1932-33; nor was it thought advisable to use this sum to obviate the necessity for any reduction of expenditure that might be necessary in connexion with the Estimates now under consideration, since, to do so, would merely postpone until the next financial year the question of effecting an equilibrium between expenditure and revenue. No provision has been made in the Estimates for remission of taxation, relief works, or anti-locust measures in 1933, and it is stated in paragraph 6 of Sir R. V. Hopkins's letter of the 28th of January that Their Lordships cannot contemplate the presentation to Parliament of a supplementary estimate to provide for any unexpected expenditure of this nature. It has therefore been thought desirable to earmark the sum of £11,250 to meet such emergency expenditure. This procedure will make it possible for the situation to be reviewed in the light of the existing financial circumstances of Trans-Jordan when the time comes for the issue of the final instalment of the grant-in-aid for 1933-34.

6. With reference to the last paragraph of Treasury letter of the 28th of January, it will be observed from paragraph 5 of Colonel Cox's letter of the 16th of May that no expenditure is anticipated for this year in connexion with the Trans-Jordan-Syria *Bon Voisinage* Agreement, except such as can be met from the normal transport and travelling votes. Attention is, however, invited to Head XXX of the revised Estimates of Expenditure—Boundary Commission—under which provision has been inserted for £965, the amount of the 'Iraq Government's claim in respect of the survey of the Trans-Jordan-'Iraq frontier. (In this connexion see the correspondence ending with Mr. Trickett's letter to Mr. Flood, No. S. 30505/2 of the 3rd of November, 1932,§ and the Financial Adviser's memorandum‖).

7. As regards the increase of expenditure under Head XXIX Write-off of Public Money, Item 2 (see the Financial Adviser's memorandum¶) attention is invited to Treasury letter No. S. 38137 of the 2nd of June‖ and the letter from this Department of the 21st of June.**

8. It is requested that Their Lordships may be moved to approve the Estimates in the revised form now submitted.

I am, &c.,
O. G. R. WILLIAMS.

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* 17785/33 [No. 6]: not printed. † 17746/33 [No. 12]: not printed.
‡ Nos. 33, 34, 36, 37, and 38. § C. 98194/32 [No. 106]: not printed.
‖ *See* page No. 130. ¶ 17789/33 [No. 7]: not printed. ** 17789/33 [No. 9]: not printed.

No. 42.

TREASURY to COLONIAL OFFICE.

(S. 35961/01/33.)

SIR, Treasury Chambers, 18th August, 1933.

I HAVE laid before the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury Mr. Williams's letter of the 7th instant,* together with the accompanying copy of a despatch† from the High Commissioner for Trans-Jordan enclosing revised Estimates for the Trans-Jordan Administration for 1933-34, and They direct me to request you to convey to the Secretary of State the following reply.

2. My Lords stated in Treasury letter of the 28th January, 1933,‡ that They were prepared to approve the Trans-Jordan Estimates for 1933-34 on the basis of a deficit of £65,000, and They asked to be informed of the High Commissioners' detailed proposals for reducing to that figure the deficit of £81,434 shown in the original draft Estimates.

3. The task of reducing the deficit to the required figure has been rendered much easier than was anticipated owing to the conclusion of an agreement with Palestine increasing by £7,500 per annum the Trans-Jordan share of the customs duties collected in Palestine. Owing to this additional receipt, it has been possible to effect the necessary decrease in the budgetary deficit without any large reduction in the expenditure Estimates.

4. My Lords note that further additional revenue of nearly £4,700 is anticipated from income tax and trade licences. The new Land Tax, on the other hand, will not produce any revenue during the current financial year, although receipts of £3,000 are anticipated in 1934-35 and £10,000 per annum in later years.

5. The revised Estimates now submitted show the following totals (excluding the Imperial grant-in-aid and the Trans-Jordan Frontier Force Sub-heads):—

	£
Revenue	262,800
Expenditure	329,181
Deficit ...	£66,381

6. My Lords sanction the Estimates on the basis of these totals. They note that the excess of £1,381 over the agreed deficit of £65,000 is accounted for by the postponement until 1933-34 of certain expenditure which was expected to be incurred in 1932-33. It is pointed out that the surplus balances of the Territory at the end of 1932-33 were correspondingly higher owing to this postponement.

7. My Lords note that under the agreement referred to in paragraphs 3 above for increasing the Trans-Jordan share of the customs duties collected in Palestine, arrears amounting to £11,250 in respect of the period 1st October, 1931, to the 31st March, 1933, are payable to Trans-Jordan. This sum is not included in the revenue total for 1933-34, but the Secretary of State suggests that it should be earmarked to meet any emergency expenditure which may be necessary during the year on such services as relief works, anti-locust measures, or remission of taxation. My Lords do not rule out this possibility, but They trust that no such emergency expenditure will be necessary and that the sum of £11,250 will be available for reducing the amount of the grant-in-aid to be issued in the current or later years. Having regard to the increased annual payment now being received from Palestine and the additional revenue which will be forthcoming from the new Land Tax, They trust that the Trans-Jordan Administration will be able to make a substantial reduction in its calls on the Imperial Exchequer in future.

I am, &c.,
JAMES RAE.

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* No. 41. † No. 40. ‡ No. 32.

17798/33 [No. 25].

No. 43.

TRANS-JORDAN.

THE SECRETARY OF STATE to THE HIGH COMMISSIONER.

(Confidential (2).)

SIR, Downing Street, 25th August, 1933.

I HAVE the honour to refer to Mr. Trusted's Confidential despatch "A" of the 3rd of June,* enclosing revised Estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for the Trans-Jordan Administration for the year 1933-34, and to transmit to you a copy of further correspondence† with the Treasury on this subject.

2. I now approve the revised Estimates in the form in which they were submitted in Mr. Trusted's despatch of the 3rd of June.

I have, &c.,
P. CUNLIFFE-LISTER.

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